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"CHRISTO" SIGNS FOR $150,000

By MIKE MYSTAKIDIS

George Christopoulos, South Melbourne's utility player, will sign for PAOK of Salonika this week for a record $150,000.

Today (Tuesday) South Melbourne president Sam Papasavas and general manager Leo Anezakis may fly to Greece to finalise the deal.

Christopoulos travelled to Greece a fortnight ago to have trials with several clubs. He has now been offered terms by both PAOK and Heraklis.

The player will get $50,000 signing-on fee plus generous match payments and bonuses. South Melbourne anticipate collecting a transfer fee of $100,000.

The president of PAOK and new coach Hants Heer both agreed the club should buy "Christo" after watching him perform well in training sessions and practice matches.

As part of the transfer deal, it is hoped to arrange two matches between South Melbourne and PAOK. . . .one in Salonika, the other in Melbourne. When they play in Greece, South Melbourne will also probably have another match - with Greece's title-winning Olympiakos providing the opposition.

BRUNO COZZELLA OF FOOTSCRAY CUTS INSIDE CANBERRA'S HARRY WILLIAMS IN SUNDAY'S MATCH IN MELBOURNE.

ASW GETS INTO THE ACT

What is royal bride-to-be Lady Di doing in AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY?

You may well ask. Wish we had the answer!

But with just about every newspaper in the world publishing royal wedding souvenir issues, ASW didn't want to be left out in the cold.

And besides, is it not possible that there is a Soccer background lurking somewhere in the Lady Diana Spencer story?

Her family home is Althorp, which is only 10 kilometres north-west of the County Ground where an eminently forgettable English fourth division team, Northampton Town, plays its home games.

Northampton are known as "The Cobblers." And should you feel this story is just a load of old cobblers, that is your prerogative!

SOCCEROOS COME GOOD — BUT TOO LATE

Australia's excellent 4 — 1 win again Fiji in Suva in the World Cup elimination match was a personal triumph for two-goal man Gary Cole and caretaker coach Les Scheinflug.

What a pity this form revival came too late to assist the Socceroos challenge for the 1982 World Cup in Spain.

Mathematically, of course, Australia can still top the Oceania Group and go into the final Group alongside China, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait. But the odds against this happening are enormous.

New Zealand remains well and truly in the box seat and it will not really matter how well the Socceroos perform in their last qualifying matches in Taiwan, Indonesia and in Melbourne against Fiji.

The big match is New Zealand v Fiji in Auckland's Mt Smart Stadium on August 19. If the Kiwis win — and that is almost inevitable — they will be the top team in Oceania.

Last Sunday in Suva, Australia started like a whirlwind, banging in four goals in the opening half hour. Scorers were Cole (2), Murray Barnes and Peter Sharne.

The ease of the goalscoring and the determination shown by all the Aussie players

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EDITORIAL

In the "UK Soccer Scene" on the back page of last week's AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY, we quoted Patrick Cobbold, the genial chairman of Ipswich Town.

Mr Cobbold stated that when a club appointed a new team manager, the new man needed at least three years in which to settle. It would be nice to think Australian administrators felt the same way. But that's not the way we do things in this country.

Three years? Sydney Olympic's new team boss Doug Collins will smile about that. After only three MATCHES, it has been reported that he faces the sack!

There are, of course, many predators in our midst. The vultures are always ready to swoop and carry off any coach who might be going through a rough patch. These people have little compassion. They make no allowances for failure.

To them everything is open-and-shut, black and white. If a team loses three games, the coach must be sacked. It's as simple as that. It is cruel, merciless and, what is more important, it is illogical.

Raul Blanco knows all about that. Last year, when he went through a nightmare season with St George, the likeable Blanco was assured almost weekly that he was about to face the firing squad.

St George did at least permit Blanco to see out the season although they weakened his position towards the end by importing an "adviser" from Yugoslavia.

This year with Marconi, Raul Blanco is going through it all again. Every time the team is beaten, the head hunters are after the coach. There is nothing subtle about their methods — no sly, surreptitious, stab in the back. Out Marconi way, some folk would stab you in the chest!

In this unfortunate climate, ASW applauds recent statements made by Marconi's Soccer president, Tony Labbozzetta.

Interviewed by the Sydney Morning Herald, Mr Labbozzetta said: "Every time our team loses, there are calls for Blanco's head. It's disturbing to see such a lack of maturity. We are becoming the laughing stock of Soccer.

"As long as I am Soccer president, a coach will stay until the end of the season. That's the time to assess his performance and make changes if necessary. If people in this club want to judge the coach on a week to week basis, then I'll give it away."

Marconi have not played as well as their fans would like in 1981. But, bearing in mind the international match demands on so many Marconi players, nobody had the right to expect this to be a season of success for the Fairfield team.

But suggestions that Doug Collins was due to be axed by Sydney Olympic after only three matches indicate that Raul Blanco has almost qualified for a long-service medal at Marconi!

KIWIS CHALLENGE AUSTRALIA'S BEST

Top New Zealand side Hanimex North Shore United will play Sydney Olympic, Wollongong, Canberra Arrows and South Melbourne in Australia in the next fortnight.

The Kiwi club should provide solid opposition during its four-match tour, with all matches kicking off at 7.30 p.m. Since it adopted its sponsor's name — in 1979 — Hanimex has been remarkably successful.

In fact in that first year it had the greatest success in its history for one season — perhaps the greatest success of any club — winning the Air New Zealand Trophy Competition, Chatham Cup, Bill McKinlay Trophy and finished third in New Zealand's top Soccer competition, the Rothmans Soccer League.

It will play against Sydney Olympic under lights at Pratten Park tonight (Tuesday) then Wollongong Wolves on Thursday at Woonona Oval, where they will meet up with former player and ex-Kiwi international centre-back Bill de Graaf.

The Wollongong PSL Youth team will play a curtain-raiser to this match against the NSW Combined High Schools squad.

Hanimex's next match will be against Canberra Arrows on August 3 at Queanbeyan's Seiffert Oval.

For this game, (if Canberra Arrows can spare him), former Hanimex North Shore player Duncan Cole will play against his present club.

Hanimex North Shore winds up its Australia visit with its night match against South Melbourne on Wednesday, August 5.

It is a club with a long history. In fact 1981 was the club's 95th season playing Association Football in Auckland.

Its present coach, Don Jones, has twice been Auckland F.A. Coach of the Year, and players like present captain Adrain Elrick, Duncan Ormond and Neil Haines are all current Kiwi World Cup squad members.

Elrick, an experienced Scottish-born sweeper who first made the NZ national side in 1975, has been team captain for the past 11 years.

And coach Don Jones should be remembered — he was the man who was in the news prior to the First Australia — New Zealand World Cup match this year.

HANIMEX NORTH SHORE

(SQUAD NUMBERS IN BRACKETS)

BACK ROW (L to R): N. Cameron (Hanimex NZ Ltd), P. Henry (16), G. Clark (6), P. Maher (4), T. Edwards (8), D. Templeman (transport).

CENTRE ROW: G. Collie (manager), M. Jennison (5), N. Grantham (2), K. Hobbs (7), A. Gilchrist (1), S. Major (1), B. McKeown (12), J. Varney (3), K. Chandler (tour manager).

FRONT ROW: R. Willmer (trainer), M. Buchanan (13), K. Weymouth (10), K. Stratful (9), A. Elrick (14), K. Hales (11), J. Connor (15), D. Jones (coach).

PHILIPS LEAGUE

RESULTS OF ROUND 23:

BRISBANE LIONS - SYDNEY CITY 4:3
Hermiston, Williamson, Bennett, Low(BL)
Kosmina 2, Spanos(SC)

FOOTSCRAY - CANBERRA ARROWS 3:1
Ilioski pen.,Kondarios, Cozzella(F)
R.O'Shea(CA)

NEWCASTLE KB - ADELAIDE CITY 2:2
Drinkwater,Heys(KB),Fashanu,Manou(AC)

BLACKTOWN - BRISBANE CITY 1:2
O'Donnell pen(BD), Kelso,Conner(BC)

LEICHHARDT - PRESTON 1:1
Soper(L), Lucchessi(P)

WOLLONGONG - SOUTH MELBOURNE 1:1
De Graaf(W), Cummings(SM)

WEST ADELAIDE - SYDNEY OLYMPIC - pp

MARCONI - HEIDELBERG - pp

TOP SCORERS

10- Boden(SC)
9- Wilkinson(BC), Evans(SM)
8- Mitchell(AC),Cole,Paton(H) Ollerton(P)
7- J.Nyskohus(AC),Soper(L) Christopoulos(SM),Barnes, Kosmina(SC),Koussas(SO)
6- Gibson(CA),Ilioski(F), O'Connor(L),Mountford(KB), Sharne(M),Souness(SC)

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
1	Blacktown City		1:2	0:1	0:1	2:2	0:0	1:5	1:2	1:0		0:2		3:1		2:2	4:0
2	Newcastle KB	1:1		4:1	1:1	0:0	4:0	2:2	0:2		0:1		1:2		3:0	1:1	4:2
3	Leichhardt	3:2	2:1		1:0	1:1	1:1	3:0		0:1				2:2	2:0	0:0	1:0
4	Wollongong	1:1	0:0	1:1		1:1	2:2		0:0		0:1		3:1	3:4	2:1	1:1	2:1
5	South Melbourne	2:1	2:0	4:1	1:0			0:0		1:3		1:0	1:1	2:1	2:1	1:0	
6	Preston	2:3	3:1	3:1		1:1			1:1		0:1	0:0	3:1	0:2	3:0	1:1	
7	Adelaide City	0:0	4:1		1:2		1:0		1:0	0:1	1:0	0:1	3:1	3:1	1:3	3:2	
8	Brisbane City	2:1		0:0	1:0					2:0	0:0	4:0	3:0	1:2	2:0	1:0	2:1
9	Sydney City		4:1		1:0		2:0		1:1		3:2	5:0	5:4	1:0	3:0	1:1	1:0
10	Canberra City	2:2		0:1		2:2		0:0	3:0	2:0		0:0	2:1	1:5	5:0		1:2
11	Marconi		1:2		1:1		1:0	1:4	1:1	1:0	0:2		2:1	3:1		2:1	1:0
12	Sydney Olympic	1:0		1:3		2:2	2:1	3:1	1:1	2:2	0:2	2:0			0:0		3:1
13	Heidelberg		1:2		0:3	0:0	2:3	1:2	2:0	0:1	1:1		1:0				2:0
14	Footscray	2:0		2:1	1:1	1:2	2:1	1:1	1:0	1:0	3:1	1:2		2:2			1:1
15	Brisbane Lions		0:1	0:0	1:1	2:0	2:1	2:1	1:0	4:3	1:0		1:1		4:0		3:1
16	West Adelaide	2:0	0:1	1:2	0:0	0:2	4:0	0:3		1:2		2:0					

LEAGUE TABLE

	HOME					AWAY					AGGREGATE					
	W	D	L	F:A	P	W	D	L	F:A	P	P	W	D	L	F:A	P
SYDNEY CITY	9	2	0	27- 9	20	5	1	6	13-15	11	23	14	3	6	40-24	31
SOUTH MELBOURNE	8	2	1	17- 8	18	2	8	1	13-12	12	22	10	10	2	30-20	30
ADELAIDE CITY	7	1	4	18-12	14	4	4	3	19-14	12	23	11	5	7	37-26	27
BRISBANE CITY	8	2	1	18- 4	18	2	5	5	8-13	9	23	10	7	6	26-17	27
LEICHHARDT	6	4	1	16- 8	16	4	3	4	12-16	11	22	10	7	5	28-24	27
BRISBANE LIONS	8	3	1	21- 9	19	0	6	4	9-13	6	22	8	9	5	30-22	25
CANBERRA ARROWS	4	4	3	18-13	12	5	3	4	12-10	13	23	9	7	7	30-23	25
WOLLONGONG	3	7	2	16-14	13	3	5	4	10- 9	11	24	6	12	6	26-23	24
NEWCASTLE KB	4	5	3	21-13	12	5	1	5	12-18	11	23	9	6	8	33-31	24
MARCONI	6	2	3	14-13	14	3	2	5	5-15	8	21	9	4	8	19-28	22
FOOTSCRAY	6	4	2	18-12	16	1	1	9	5-27	3	23	7	5	11	23-38	19
HEIDELBERG	3	2	5	10-12	8	4	2	5	21-21	10	21	7	4	10	31-33	18
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	5	4	2	17-13	14	1	2	8	13-25	4	22	6	6	10	30-38	18
PRESTON	4	4	3	17-12	12	1	3	8	9-23	5	23	5	7	11	26-35	17
BLACKTOWN DEMONS	3	3	6	15-18	9	1	4	6	11-18	6	23	4	7	12	26-36	15
WEST ADELAIDE	3	2	5	11-11	8	1	1	10	9-25	3	22	4	3	15	20-36	11

PSL YOUTH LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Goal Diff
Leichhardt	18	13	4	2	46	21	29	+25
Marconi	19	12	4	3	49	18	28	+31
A.I.S.	21	11	3	7	56	37	25	+19
Newcastle	18	8	7	3	34	29	23	+5
Sydney City	19	7	7	5	48	27	21	+21
Olympians	19	6	6	7	27	23	18	+4
Wollongong	21	7	2	12	24	47	16	—23
Blacktown	17	2	3	13	22	46	7	—24
Canberra	17	1	1	15	13	71	3	—58

RESULTS:

Blacktown City v Leichhardt 1-4 (HT 0-2)
De Silva og (B), De Ceglie 2, McKie, Giampaolo (L)
Canberra v Sydney City 1-8 (HY 0-2)
Fletcher 4, Vale, McGrouther, Tessoro, Rodrigues (SC)
Wollongong City v Marconi 1-0 (HT 0-0)
Thompson (W)
Newcastle v A.I.S. Postponed

NEXT WEEK'S GAMES:

SATURDAY, AUG 1:
A.I.S. v Newcastle — Bruce Stadium
SUNDAY, AUG 2:
Sydney City v Blacktown — Sydney Ath. Field
Marconi v A.I.S. — Marconi Oval
Olympians v Leichhardt — Pratten Park
Canberra v Newcastle — Bruce Stadium
Wollongong - bye

The highlight of round 23 was the defeat of leaders Marconi at the hands of the ever improving Wollongong Cubs at Wollongong Showground. The only goal of the match came early in the second half when young Craig Thompson headed in a free kick over the head of replacement keeper Steve Lemaitre.

It was an unspectacular match dominated by midfield play, with neither side creating many chances in front of goal.

The Wollongong defence was outstanding throughout the game and the constant harassment of the Marconi side by the young cubs never allowed the leaders to settle down to their usual game. The Marconi side were reinforced with PSL players, Dennis Colusso, Houssein Housseini and Joe Picioane who was replaced after 75 minutes by young Tommy McCulloch. Best for Marconi were Housseini and Mason Wells.

At Lambert Park a very young Canberra Arrows side went down heavily to the Sydney Slickers, who fielded Mark Trenter playing his first full match for many months after several operations. As the score would suggest it was a very one-sided affair, with the young Arrows defending for most of the game.

In a first half which saw the Slickers miss many chances only to lead 2-0, Peter Vale was their most dangerous forward. In the second half winger Ean Rodrigues made many fine runs and several of the goals were the result of his crosses. However the outstanding player for the Slickers was four-goal Graham Fletcher who appears back to his goal-hungry best.

At the Gabbie Stadium the Young Strikers went to the head of the table with a 4-1 victory over the Blacktown "Imps". However it was by no means an easy victory for the Leichhardt who, after dominating the first half and leading through goals from John McKie and Baz Giampaolo, were pulled back to 2-1 early in the second half. John Galic made a 60 yard run and crossed to see young substitute defender Manuel De Silva head past his own keeper. Blacktown then took command for the first 25 minutes of the half; then the play see-sawed until the last 15 minutes when the Leichhardt boys again took command of things, scoring two late goals through Robert De Ceglie. Both Rod Skellern and Bas Giampaolo, who were playing after returning from injuries, commented after the game on the high standard of the Youth League. Best for Blacktown were David Taylor and goalkeeper Steven Kean.

— Peter Russell

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caused Fiji to be run off their feet. If only similar determination had been shown at the Sydney Cricket Ground when two points were thrown away against New Zealand!

In what can only be described as a "rubbish" Group, it was clear from the day the draw was made that Oceania would concern only Australia and NZ. And once NZ took three points from the Socceroos, that was the end of the road for Murray Barnes and his men.

To their credit, however, the Australians set about the Fijians as if Spain was just around the corner.

Goals arrived in the 5th, 11th, 28th and 30th minutes, allowing the visiting team to coast through the rest of the 90 minutes.

Fiji produced only one consolation goal, scored by Vuilabasa seven minutes before the final whistle.

When it was all over, Les Scheinflug named Gary Cole and Alan Niven as his two best players. Niven, making a late entry into the World Cup, was having his first outing in the Australian jersey.

The return leg against Fiji will be in Melbourne on August 14 and it will surely bring Australia another convincing victory.

The Socceroos return home tomorrow (Wednesday) with only one casualty. Full-back Alan Davidson had to come off with an injury, his place being filled by substitute Ron Wheatley near the end.

Coach Scheinflug should feel happy about what was achieved last Sunday in Suva.

He took over an ailing squad with team spirit at rock bottom after the sudden departure of the controversial Rudi Gutendorf. It was not easy motivating a Socceroo side which had been universally condemned after the SCG fiasco.

But in his first three matches as coach, Scheinflug has chalked up three victories. Nobody can ask more than that.

NEWCASTLE RAIDERS

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NEWCASTLE UNITED SOCCER CLUB

Newcastle United Soccer Club is seeking a highly motivated Coach with a proven record of coaching and management at senior level who also has a youth development orientation. The applicant should be ready to take up the position in the month of November, 1981.

This is a full time position involving both coaching and management responsibility of our national league team Newcastle KB Raiders, plus supervision of the Youth Squad and general involvement with the development of junior and youth soccer at our club.

The Coach will also be involved in general promotional activities of the club and experience in liaising with the media is considered a necessity.

The club is seeking a first class performer and therefore an attractive remuneration package is available commensurate with proven ability. Assistance with relocation expenses will be considered for an overseas appointee.

Applications must be in writing and include full details of playing, coaching and management experience. They should be accompanied by verified qualifications, details on family status and have two (2) personal and two (2) professional references.

All applications will be treated in strictest confidence and no details will be discussed or enquiries made without consultation with the applicant.

Applications close Friday, 28th August, 1981.

Write in the first instance to:

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Australia.**

STRAIGHT SHOOTING

With MIKE MYSTAKIDIS

The fact that some overseas clubs have started showing interest in some Australian players should not upset anyone. On the contrary, it must please many people.

It is an encouraging indication that we do exist in the Soccer world, and that some day we could be a big Soccer country, because we have good raw material.

Any suggestion for a players' embargo is shallow, unprogressive, and against the players' rights as independent members of society. That is what most people uphold.

Soccer today, among so many competitive sports, needs two basic factors in order to survive: sound economics and good advertising. Both are interdependent, and interact positively for Soccer.

These two essential things can be provided by the young, talented players:

a - The healthy financial base from big transfer profits.

b - The good advertising provided by succeeding in a bigger Soccer nation.

One good example is Liverpool's superstar, Craig Johnston. All people know one top Australian player, playing for one of the world's top teams.

It is time for all of us to fully realise that the era in our life when we kept teams going with donations has gone with no return. That means we have to find other sources which are better and more efficient, such as:

a - Improvement of the "show", with more goals.

b - Diminution in purchasing players.

c - Producing and selling players.

Quite a lot of our players are listed for European teams at the end of the season...if of course the inquiries and offers are serious and not bluffing, as usually happens.

Let's see how many Australian players participate in other countries' Soccer.

Apart from Craig Johnston, former Heidelberg goalkeeper Yakka Banovic is also playing in England with Derby County.

Rene Colusso, a former Marconi youngster whose brother Dennis is now in the Marconi PSL squad, has been playing in the Italian second division for many years now.

Another two Aussies to have succeeded overseas are in Greece. Both played for the Melbourne amateur team, New Hellas: Peter Banasas joined the famous Panathinaikos club of Athens, and Jim Alexiou joined ARIS of Salonika.

A few weeks ago Australian Youth and full international, George Christopoulos, went to Salonika and he is training with PAOK, the team which will represent Greece in next season's European Cup-Winners Cup. According to information I have, his chances are good.

As many of our players try their luck out of Australia, so Soccer in this country will benefit because hundreds of thousands of kids will try to imitate them.

Let's not forget that not one of the Saints was recognised in his own town. Similarly, all the big Australian stars can only win glory outside of their country.

ARSENAL'S BID FOR FASHANU

Norwich City forward Justin Fashanu, who has been playing in the PSL for Adelaide City, is wanted by Arsenal.

Fashanu is valued at $2,500,000 on the transfer market.

Fashanu, still has a year of his contract with Norwich to go but he will consider the Arsenal terms when he goes back to Norwich in August.

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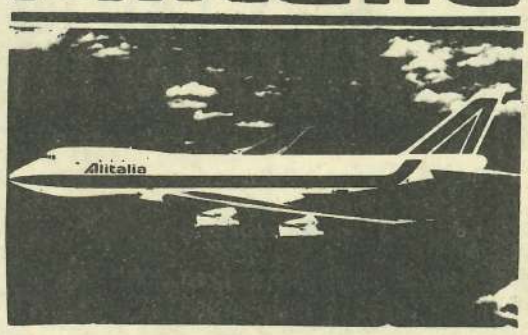

WHO WILL WIN THE TICKET TO ROME?

Rome — the eternal city — beckons to some lucky player in the Philips Soccer League.

MARCONI TRAVEL, in association with AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY, will fly the "player of the year" from Melbourne or Sydney to Rome.

The trip, in a great ALITALIA 747, is one of the outstanding prizes of the 1981 Soccer season and players are keenly battling to win points from ASW writers at every match.

Terry Byrne of Canberra Arrows has been leading the field for some time but there is bound to be a strong challenge from other well-placed players in the closing weeks of the season.

David Mitchell (Adelaide City) and Peter Katholos (Sydney Olympic) will be keen to collect more votes after missing last Sunday's PSL games because they were in Fiji with the Socceroos.

As well as the ALITALIA air ticket, our "player of the year" will receive the ASW-MARCONI TRAVEL trophy which he will keep.

Another prize up for grabs is a portable colour TV set. This will go to the leading PSL goalscorer after the 30 rounds of the competition.

For a run-down on how points are awarded, please turn to Page 6.

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This is the latest position in our "player of the year" voting:-

27 - Terry Byrne
24 - Phil O'Connor
23 - David Mitchell
21 - Denis Boland, Joe Senkalski, Peter Katholos
20 - Col Bennett, Alun Evans
19 - Peter Wilson (Leich), Chris Dunleavy
17 - Tony Brennan
16 - Ian Souness
15 - Martin Coe
14 - Arno Bertogna, Allan Maher, Jim Hermiston
12 - John Djordjevic, Paul Burrows, Jim Campbell
11 - Slobodan Jovanovic, Bugsy Nyskohus, Alan Whittle, Martyn Crook, Tony Henderson, Paul Wilkinson
10 - Graham Jennings, Peter Sharne, Greg Woodhouse, Robbie Cullen, Bill de Graaf, Arthur Xanthopoulos
9 - Joe Watson, Paul Reaney, Jim Ziras, Larry Gaffney, Jim McBreen, Clive Campbell
8 - Arthur McMillan, Steve Sumner, Willie Murray, Kim Wishart, Ljube Petrovski, Jimmy Dunne, Gary Byrne, Steve Blair, Brian O'Donnell, Bruce James, Malcolm McClelland
7 - Richard Wilson, Todd Clarke, Jimmy Wright, Stuart Selvage, Jim Tansey, Doug Brown, Peter Tymczyszyn, Peter Boyle

AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY

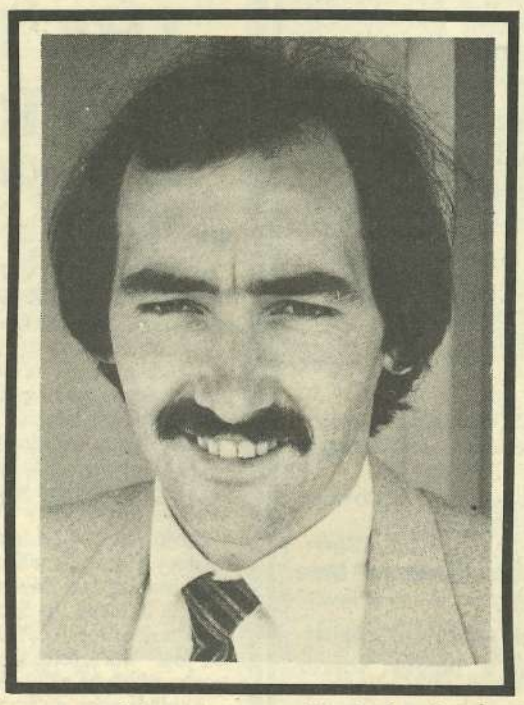
STAR INTERVIEW

BILLY WILLIAMSON

Talks to Wally Bruce

Brisbane Lions just beat the transfer deadline when they signed Dundee striker Billy Williamson for their Philips League campaign.

Williamson made his debut against Adelaide City in the PSL. It is the second time he has come to Australia after touring with Dundee in 1978, when he scored the winning goal in a 1-0 victory over Queensland.



Q: What are the terms of your contract with Lions?

A: I have been signed for this season and the next, and there was no transfer fee from Dundee.

Q: How long did you play with Dundee and what were your previous clubs in Scotland?

A: I recently completed my fourth season with Dundee and before that I was with Aberdeen, who I joined at the age of 17. Before Aberdeen I played with Kirkconnel Amateurs.

Q: What is your family status?

A: I have come to Australia with my wife Diane and eight-year-old daughter, Lisa.

Q: What is your main position?

A: I have been basically a midfielder (attacking I hope) with Dundee but will probably play a more front-running role with Lions.

I had a reasonably good season with "The Dee" before I left, scoring 12 goals from the midfield.

Q: Do you know any other players in Australia?

A: Well it is chiefly through my correspondence with Jim Hermiston that I kept in touch with what was happening in Aussie football, but I also know several other players here, including Billy Pirie, Jim Shirra, George Campbell, Ian Gibson and Ian Purdie.

Q: Apparently you were on the verge of playing in America?

A: That's true. We spent a week in Seattle and I had considered playing for the Sounders before accepting the Lions offer.

Q: Why did you decide to come to Australia instead of America?

A: Basically because Australia is regarded as the land of opportunity and of course I have so many friends here already. And at the age of 28, I feel I will have four or five years of football left yet to offer.

Q: Can you remember much about your tour of Australia with Dundee?

A: Not a great deal, as we arrived at airports then left to play matches. But it was a great thrill scoring a goal against Queensland and meeting an old team-mate like The Hermit.

And it's good to know some of the Queensland players that day will now be my team-mates.

Q: When Dundee toured Australia they were only in the First Division. What happened after that?

A: The club worked its way up into the Premier League where it remains today. But of that side which earned promotion, most of the players have now left the club.

Q: Did you ever play for Scotland?

A: I was on the fringe of selection for some time and had one Under-23 appearance against Northern Ireland.

Q: Had you met Lions coach Joe Gilroy before?

A: I met him briefly in Scotland and he has obviously done a great job since taking over at Lions. I am looking forward to this new challenge with relish.

Billy Williamson with wife Diane and daughter Lisa in Brisbane

With the Girls

By DON BALMAIN

ANDY CLUES IN SPOTLIGHT

In our continuing series of interviews, we turn our attention this week to Andy Clues, the coach of the New South Wales State women's Soccer team.

Q: When did you first become involved in Soccer as sport?

A: When I was in junior school at the age of six I used to kick a ball around much the same as the lads do here. There was nothing spectacular about any of the games though.

Q: Was the Soccer organised at that age to the same degree that it is here?

A: It was very similar although there was nothing like the organisation that one sees each Saturday. In England we were first picked in our class team to play against the other classes and then graduated to play for the school Houses. After that if you were good enough, you played for your school at 14 or 15 years of age.

Q: When did you start playing Soccer seriously, Andy?

A: I was 15 years old and I joined the Army as an apprentice telecommunication engineer and I had my first serious game in the army against other apprentice teams.

Q: Before you joined the army as a boy soldier, you were selected as a London representative. What was this team?

A: Yes this was the London Schoolboys' team and I was selected to play in it when I was 14..

Q: What did being chosen in that team mean to you?

A: To be chosen to play for London was quite an honour. We played against the Glasgow combined schools at Craven Cottage, Fulham's home ground.

Q: After you joined the army as an apprentice electrician at 15, how long did you stay in the service?

A: I was in the army two years and 138 days before I was able to get out on compassionate grounds.

Q: Did you represent the army in games during the time you were enlisted?

A: Yes, I represented the Boys' Army in many games. That is like the apprentice schools that the Australian army has in Australia.

Q: When you were in civvy street again, you joined the Dulwich Hamlet club. What was so famous about this club?

A: The Dulwich Hamlet club was an amateur club which won many F.A. Amateur Cups as well as supplying many players who became football internationals. It had an excellent record. I was only with them for three months before coming to Australia with my parents.

Q:When you came to Australia, who did you first play for?

A: My dad was a pretty good Soccer player back in England and when we first came to Australia, we lived in an Adelaide hostel. One Sunday some of the men asked my dad if he'd like a game of Soccer. He said yes and suggested that they take the lad (me) along as well. They agreed and said that they would play me if they were short. I got a game but in those days, the standard of Soccer in Australia was pretty low. I was able to play better than those around me and was subsequently asked to play for Birkalla Rovers, a top club in Adelaide then. I was picked to play for Adelaide against Victoria. A game that I remember because we were thoroughly walloped by the Vics.

Q: You moved from South Australia soon after that didn't you?

A: Yes we moved to Canberra and I was successful in obtaining a place in the A.C.T. team against the Hong Kong touring team.

Q: When did you gain your first coaching certificate?

A: My first coaching award was in 1951 when I was successful in obtaining the Basic Skills award. My certificate is number 5. The first course was conducted in the Manly-Warringah area by the Scottish internationa, Bob Walker.

Q: After playing in Canberra, you were asked to play in the U.K. How did that come about?

A: A talent scout for Plymouth Argyle asked me to try out for that club. I played the next five years with them before I was seriously injured and put in hospital for some time.

Q: Since you gained your first award, you received two others as well. What were these?

A: I obtained the F.A. Coaching Badge in 1963 and the Australian Senior Coaching award.

Q: How long have you been an Australian Coaches Federation senior staff coach?

A: I have held this award for six years.

Q: What does this mean?

A: It is the equivalent of an F.A. and a FIFA coaching award. I was the senior coach for country districts in NSW and used to spend the week travelling the country lecturing on Soccer.

Q: Have you coached representative junior teams before?

A: Yes, I coached the NSW Under 15 and Under 16-year-old boys' teams and helped coach the Under 19's.

Q: You have coached a women's representative team before this haven't you?

A: Yes, I coached the Manly-Warringah (Sydney) Ladies' rep. team four years ago.

Q: When you were approached to apply for the top job in women's Soccer in NSW, did you have any reservations?

A: Yes I did. I felt that I was classed as a boys team coach and might be too hard in my approach to the girls; and then to be regarded by others as just a girls' coach.

Q: On observation, you appear to have adopted a very professional approach to coaching the girls. Is there any reason for this?

A: None at all. To my way of thinking, there is no different skill factor involved between girls and boys. Sure, the physical side of it is obvious but the girls, scaled down physically, are just as efficient.

Q: How have the girls responded to this professional type of discipline?

A: I am not able to tell yet. I am certainly not getting any complaints about any of the training and I am getting exactly what I want from them.

Q: After you guide the NSW girls through the Australian Championships in August, have you any thoughts on taking your coaching further with the women, say to Australian level?

A: Oh yes. I feel that I could bring Australian women's Soccer on a great deal as Australian coach.

Q: What guidelines can you give to coaches of women's teams?

A: Treat the girls just the same as you would a boy as far as training is concerned up to the age of about 16. The girls all have the same co-ordination as the lads but utilised in a different way. I have found that when a boy gets to about 16 he cannot be taught anything basic but that a girl really starts learning Soccer around the 14-16-year-old age. She can be taught more basic skills then which will lead to better Soccer for her.

COLOGNE SPEND BIG MONEY

West Germany's record transfer fee was set recently when striker Klaus Allofs moved from Dusseldorf to FC Cologne.

The fee paid for Allofs was $1,000,000.

He will now team up with another West German international star, Klaus Fischer, with Cologne.

These moves strengthen rumours that English international centre-forward Tony Woodcock is about to be released by Cologne.

If that happens, Everton will jump in with a big bid for Woodcock's transfer.

But there will be opposition from both Manchester clubs. John Bond needs more fire in City's front line and Ron Atkinson wants a replacement for Joe Jordan in the United attack.

Woodcock, by the way, doesn't want to move to another German club. He said he is keen to get back into the old routine in the English first division.

KLAUS ALLOFS

REMINDERS OF RUDI IN CHILE

Rudi Gutendorf left Chile, and later Australia, as national coach.

During his stay in both countries, he insisted that teams should play for "bonus" points to have the teams come out of their shell and play more attacking Soccer.

In Australia it was adopted for one season, then scrapped, but in Chile the season which has just started is using the bonus system.

However, it is not exactly the "Rudi"-type bonus. Colo-Colo has acrued two bonus points while Auadax Italiano, Union Espanol and Everton have one each — for their efforts in recent South American club championships!

The failure of the above system in Chile shows on the League table. Colo-Colo leads with five points from a win and a draw, while the second-placed Universidad De Chile has only four points, but from TWO WINS!

SINGAPORE FINES

Two Singapore national players were charged in court with accepting money to fix three matches in Indonesia earlier this year.

Razali Bin Alias (19) and Tohari Bin Paijan (23) pleaded not guilty.

The prosecutor told the court that the two men, who belong to the national team, accepted $2,610 to help the Singapore team win a match against Modan.

They also had agreed to accept $6960 as a reward for making the Singapore team lose two other matches against Persia Jakarta and a Dutch team, the court was told.

The prosecutor said he would produce 30 witnesses at the trial, which is adjourned to August 11.

PELE SWITCHES HIS GAME

Guess what ... Pele has taken up tennis!

Brazil's greatest-ever star does Soccer coaching in New York at Manhattanville College but whenever he can get away, he has a few sets on the College tennis courts.

Observers claim Pele has developed a wicked double-handed backhand.

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MR KOE WILL BE MISSED

Koe Ewe Teik, one of the giants of Asian Soccer, passed away recently.

Mr Koe was a good friend to Australia, attending several of the Socceroos World Cup elimination matches over the past 12 years. He always enjoyed visiting this country although he was not wildly enthusiastic about some of the big shots who run Australian Soccer

He was constantly in demand for FIFA duties which he fulfilled diligently despite being kept busy as secretary of the Asian Conferderation.

Koe Ewe Teik died in his home city of Penang (Malaysia) and Soccer is the poorer for his passing.

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KEMPES v MARADONA

The recent Boca v River Plate encounter at the Estadio Monumental Del Barrie de Nunez provided the spectators with a chance to asses the values of the two stars of Argentinian Soccer, Diego Maradona and Mario Kempes.

The battle for the Argentinian number 10 shirt finished even, with Maradona scoring for Boca and Kempes for River Plate in a 1-1 draw.

The Kempes v Maradona battle in Buenos Aires drew a full house, with $500,000 collected through the turnstiles. Apart from a goal each to their favourite stars, the spectators had little to enthuse about.

The game was full of spite, providing very little of the entainment Argentinians usually provide.

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SEATTLE FIND A SCORER

Four goals in two games . . . that's not a bad effort for a full-back.

It was achieved by Kevin Bond, playing for Seattle Sounders in the North American Soccer League.

Kevin, of course, is the son of Manchester City boss John Bond.

JOE JORDAN GETS CASH

A. C. Milan had no trouble agreeing to Joe Jordan's financial demands.

Jordan wanted a $40,000 signing-on fee plus $4,000 a week wages. He got it. That's why he won't be playing for Manchester United next season.

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Hamburg of West Germany and Anderlecht of Belgium are involved in a tug of war over the services of the Yugoslav international Ivan Surjak. According to the latest reports Anderlecht has the edge.

On a brighter note for Hamburg, another Yugoslav, Borisa Djordjevic (28), also of Hajduk Split (as is Surjak), will join them for the 1981/82 season.

NASL

Dallas v Seattle	3-1
Cal Surf v Fort L'dale	4-1

FRANCE

S Etienne v Metz	0-0
Monaco v S'bourg	1-0
Paris v Tours	2-1
V'ciennes v Nice	1-0
Bastia v Lens	1-0
Lyons v Nancy	2-0
Brest v Lille	1-1
Auxerre v M'pellier	0-0
Sochaux v Laval	1-1
Bordeaux v Nantes	3-2

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Roy Amundsen, the Norway keeper, has been disqualified for three years following the incident in a recent first division match, when Amundsen allegedly punched the referee, Tor Mein.

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Portugal's Benfica and Porto and Brazil's Flamengo will join the Angolan national team in a four-team international tournament in Luanda in November.

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ANOTHER COMEBACK

George Best is still doing his stuff with San Jose Earthquakes in the USA, but he is now talking of making yet another comeback in English football.

His old Manchester United team mate Denis Law had advised Best to forget it. The club angling for Best's services is Bolton Wanderers.

The manager of the Chilean national team, Luis Santinabez, is certain that Uruguay is going to qualify for the World Cup in Spain next year.

Asked about the chances of Peru and Colombia in the same group, Senor Santinabez said that Peru's national team players are too old, while Colombia is not in the same class as Uruguay.

In its last outing before the start of the qualifying tournament against Uruguay and Colombia, Peru disappointed the home crowd at Arequipa in Peru following their dismal 0-0 result against Bolivia.

A "WORTHY" HAT-TRICK

When Tampa Bay Rowdies beat San Jose Earthquakes 4-2 in the NASL, the star of the match was former Birmingham City forward Frank Worthington.

Worthington banged in a brilliant hat trick. Incidentally, San Jose's first goal came from George Best . . . with a penalty kick.

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Vancouver Whitecaps Scottish international midfielder, Alex Cropley, will get a change of club when he returns to the Football League.

His club Aston Villa will sell Cropley to Portsmouth.

ARGENTINA

Boca Juniors are hanging on to top spot in Argentina by a mere goal difference. Beating Estudiantes de la Plata 1-0, Boca retained the top spot with 45 points. Ferrocaril Oeste defeated Racing away from home to keep the second place on 45 points also.

Newels Old Boys are third with 35 and River Plate fourth with 34 points. At the feet of the table, Argentians Juniors are on 22 and Celon on 21.

Raul De La Cruz of Instituto De Cordoba is still the top scorer in Argentina. He leads the table with 19 goals from Maradona and Brindisi (Boca) and Juan Ramon Carasco (Racing) all on 16.

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BRAZIL

Flamengo is still at the top of the Rio de Janeiro group in the Brazilian championship following their 3-0 away win at Olario. America drew at Botafogo to keep second spot, but Vasco De Gama is making a run for the top with a fine win away to Fluminense.

After 10 rounds, Flamengo has 16 points at the top, followed by America and Botafogo on 14, then Vasco and Bangu on 12.

Ponte Pretta has opened a gap of four points in Sao Paolo, but watch out for Santos. After defeating Palmeiras, Santos is eight points off the pace and with a game in hand can still reach for the top.

Ponte Pretta is leading after 19 rounds with 29 points, followed by Guarani on 25, International on 23, Portugesa on 23, Botafogo on 22 and Santos 21.

Numes of Flamengo is the top scorer in Rio De Janeiro with 10 goals followed by Zico and Luisinho on eight.

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USSR

Dinamo Kiev is running away with the USSR championship for 1981 following their 4-0 win over Pakhtakor. Spartak Moscow has dropped a point at home to Torpedo and is now eight points behind the leaders while Dinamo Tbilisi, the European Cup-Winners Cup winner, is a further two points away in third place.

The top of the table, following round 18 results, stands as follows: Dinamo Kiev 31, Spartak Moscow 23, Dinamo Tbilisi and Torpedo 21, Dinamo Moscow 20.

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SWEDEN

After 14 rounds in Sweden, Oester has managed to acrue 27 out of a possible 28 points and leads the table from Norkopping on 20 and Brage on 17 points.

Goteborg and Malmoe are both on 15, close on the heels of Brage.

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NORWAY

Rosenborg still leads the table in Norway following their 2-2 draw with Vaalerengen. Moss drew 1-1 with Viking to hold second spot, while Start slipped from contention after their 1-2 defeat at home at the hands of Haugar.

After nine rounds Rosenberg is on 14 points, followed by Moss on 12, then Vaalerengen on 11, Start and Viking on 10, Lillestrom on nine, Fredrikstadt, Bryne and Haugar on eight, Lyn on seven, Brann six and in last place on five points is Hamarkameratene.

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WOLVES ARE HOSPITABLE

by Phil Murphy

Wollongong City again proved their hospitality when they allowed South Melbourne to take home a point after a 1-1 draw at Wollongong Showground.

Yet again Wollongong started so well, scored an early goal but then allowed the opposition to graft back into the game.

Tagged by supporters as the team lacking a killer instinct, the Wolves should have had the game won by half time.

Instead, they found themselves level at 1-1.

The Wollongong team played some top football in the first half and created many scoring opportunities but luck certainly wasn't on their side.

After Bill De Graaf put them ahead in the eighth minute, Glenn Fontana hit the post from close in and Arno Bertogna watched a perfectly flighted header cleared off the line by Jim Shirra.

In addition, the elusive Peter Tredinnick managed to get clear only to shoot wide from a perfect position.

Wollongong piled on the pressure but a defensive South Melbourne managed to hold out, mainly through the defence of Bertie Lutton and Arthur Xanthopoulos.

The second half was dull with Wollongong's main weapon being long, high crosses from both wings.

These were gratefully accepted by South Melbourne goalkeeper, Peter Laumets, and cost the home side valuable possession.

BERTIE LUTTON

South Melbourne scored their goal after 26 minutes following a bad mixup in the Wollongong defence.

De Graaf and Bertogna had a "communication breakdown" 30 metres from goal and left Duncan Cummings with a solo shootout situation.

It was yet another gift from the Wollongong defence but all credit to Cummings for the way he took his opportunity.

He covered ground well and beat goalkeeper, Natch Vardareff, with a well-placed shot.

Vardareff had an easy first half but came into his own later when South Melbourne started to look more aggressive.

He made three brilliant saves to keep his team in the game.

Others to show up for Wollongong were John Lathan and Chris Dunleavy — after the entire team looked like a well-oiled machine up to half time.

For South Melbourne Lutton played well in defence with Cummings and Branko Buljevic the pick of their pack.

WOLLONGONG: Vardareff, Fleming, De Graaf, Bertogna, Ainsworth, Lathan, Adam, Fontana, Tredinnick, Campbell (McBreen 80), Dunleavy.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets, Bannon, Lutton, Xanthopoulos, Stevenson, Shirra, Buljevic, Cummings, Campbell, Wooddin, Nicolaidis.

Referee: D.Rennie. Crowd: 4,725.

MAN OF THE MATCH: Wollongong: Vardareff 3. South Melbourne: Lutton 3.

ASW — MARCONI TRAVEL TROPHY

ASW correspondents at Philips League matches have been strictly briefed on the allocation of "man of the match" points.

This is how the system works:

5 pts. Magnificent match-winning performance.

4 pts. Outstanding, brilliant.

3 pts. Great display.

2 pts. Very good.

1 pt. Good game, best player in the team.

In other words, a player has to be really exceptional to be given four points — and almost a miracle man to collect five.

LIONS FANS FULL OF JOY

By Wally Bruce

Brisbane Lions supporters left Richlands Stadium with mixed feelings of joy and bewilderment after their heroes produced an amazing comeback to down the vaunted Sydney Slickers 4-3.

Eddie Thomson's men have not beaten Lions during the past two seasons, but this effort, with Lions scoring four goals against the Slickers for the first time, beats them all.

How many teams have come back from a 2-0 deficit against a team like the Slickers to win — particularly after playing so badly in the first half?

John Kosmina was allowed too much room in the fourth minute and rose well to head Joe Watson's cross into the corner.

In the 10th minute, Jim Patikas made a break from halfway, but looked to have lost control of the ball as Tony Scanlan came out to narrow the angle.

But Patikas shoved out his boot, the ball deflected off the diving Scanlan, and John Spanos followed up to finish as Col Bennett just failed to save in the goalmouth.

From then on, Lions were under siege, with Watson and Ken Boden creating problems on the right, Kosmina shooting freely in the middle and Willie Murray and Ian Bruce pounding away down the left.

Scanlan fought bravely after his shell-shocked opening to dive and punch away shots from Kosmina (twice) and left-back Bruce.

Lions produced one lone corner and one shot at goal, from Bobby Ferris, which Todd Clarke accepted easily.

Then on the stroke of half-time, Billy Williamson, who had been caught offside several times, broke away after a Jim Hermiston through ball.

He prepared to chip over Clarke, but the pair collided and the Slickers were astounded when refereee Alf Rodway pointed straight to the penalty spot.

Hermiston made light of the job after missing one against Brisbane City the previous week and as the players left the field for half-time, Thomson entered the field to berate referee Rodway.

That goal, controversial as it may have been, was just the tonic the embattled Lions needed and they had to wait for only 45 seconds of the second half to add their second.

Again Williamson was the man on the spot to pick up a loose clearance, something which crept into Slickers defence as the match progressed.

Williamson found some space and although Clarke looked to have the shot covered, it passed him and found the far corner.

In the 58th minute, the Slickers looked to have restored the situation when they went to a 3-2 lead, with Kosmina again finding room to head in Ian Bruce's free kick.

Lions would not lie down and forged back to again draw level.

Col Bennet, who before this season had not scored once for Lions, acted like a forward to charge into the box and head Hermiston's free kick into the corner like a bullet.

Then came the winner in the 73rd minute, and what a cracker it was. The player was Craig Low, who must have seen very close to becoming the man taken off for John Ogden, seven minutes earlier, instead of Calvin Daunt.

Jim McLean chipped a ball through on the right. Ogden did very well to send it back into the middle of the box and Low calmly pulled it down before blasting past Clarke.

Written off after 10 minutes, it's a match Lions supporters are never likely to forget.

BRISBANE LIONS — Scanlan, Ontong, Hermiston, Bennett, Wilson, Ferris, McLean, Hogg, Low, Daunt (Ogden 66th), Williamson.

SYDNEY CITY: Clarke, Cant, O'Connor, Robertson, Bruce, Spanos (Gomez 82nd), Patikas, Murray, Watson, Boden, Kosmina.

REFEREE: A Rodway

MAN OF THE MATCH: Lions — Williamson 3. Slickers — Murray 3.

KIM WISHART'S GREAT PENALTY SAVE

By Keith Gilmour

Brisbane City just managed to guard their 2-1 lead over Blacktown City in a hectic final 10 minutes at Gabbie Stadium.

It was a game of two major turning points — one tactical and the other grounded on dramatic incidents in field play.

In the former, the Gladiators proved that they were the team with the answer to the offside trap.

Actually it was little used by either team, but their tidy midfield work avoided rush movements by their forwards.

In fact, it was a Jimmy Dunne pass to Barry Kelso that earned their first goal in the 33rd minute.

Two Demons defenders were calling for offside when Kelso strode through, and Bruce James could not have been expected to have a ghost of a chance of saving.

The other factor is one which Blacktown should have used to their own advantage, but it rebounded against them.

In the 69th minute, Paul Burrows went down inside the Gladiators' penalty area in a tackle when many thought defender Steve Perry had taken the ball cleanly.

Jimmy Dunne certainly thought so, and was whisked off the park by referee Tony Boskovic for expressing his view too explicitly!

Dunne took his time to retreat from the field. When the penalty was taken, Demons' Brian O'Donnell directed it to the same left-hand side of goalkeeper Kim Wishart as when successfully scoring from his first penalty in the 44th minute.

This was manna from heaven for Wishart, who guessed the spot correctly and made a magnificent save.

So, despite having only 10 men, the Gladiators' adrenalin was really pumping as they proceeded to keep their adversaries at bay.

Tony Rasmussen rapped a flying header on the upright and Wishart was in bother as he fisted shots away and tried to sift out his position with a milling horde in front of him.

There had been a definite element of caution in both teams' early performances, with Brisbane using defence in depth and the home side trying for the breaks.

Kelso's goal in the 33rd minute provided a score from their first clear-cut chance. Wishart tripped up Burrows on the break inside the area, and O'Donnell equalised from the spot right on half-time.

The Gladiators developed an alarming habit of missing with passes early in the second half, with Frank Pimblett playing below his top form.

Wishart made a great reflex save from Brian Turner, and then came the Dunne dismissal and the saved penalty.

But then with 11 minutes remaining, replacement Willie Conner was left with miles of space ahead and he knocked in the winner.

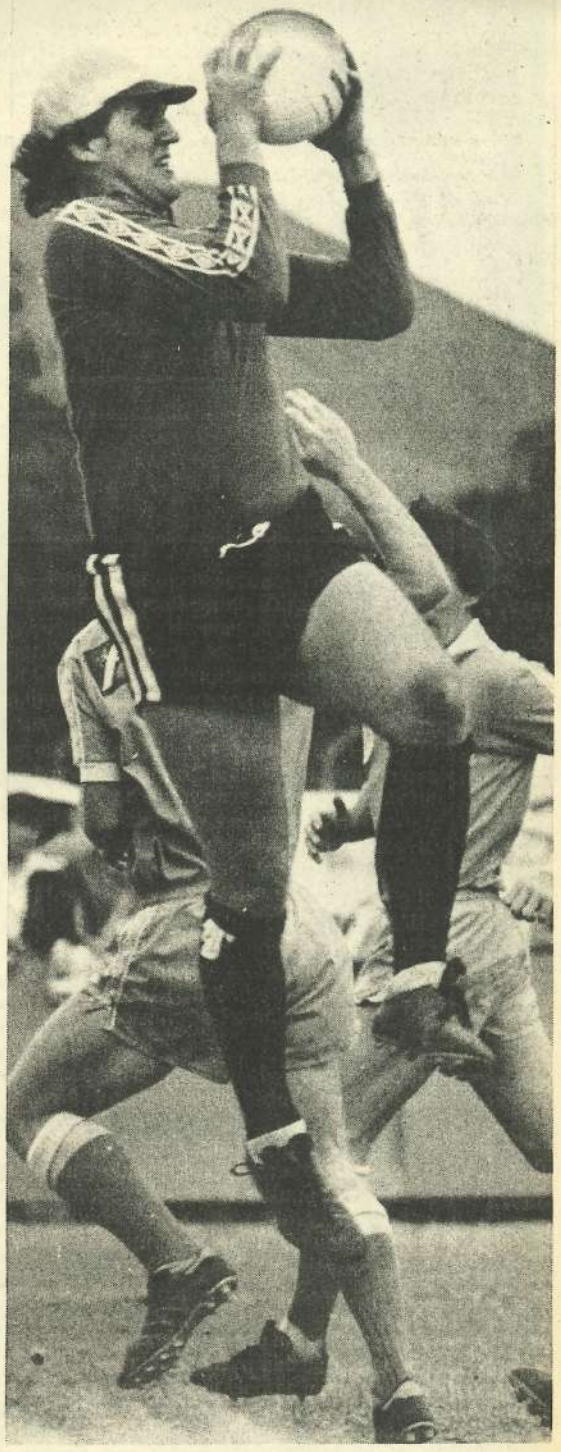
What with Preston collecting a point and Footscray taking two, the Demons' bid to avoid relegation has suddenly become very much harder.

BLACKTOWN: James, Rasmussen, Pointer, Djordjevic, Selvage, Turner, Culina, O'Donnell, Krstic, Jones (Cuk 68m), Burrows.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart, Perry, W. Wilkinson, Ratcliffe, Dunne (sent off), Gaffney (Connor 63m), Pimblett, McVeigh, P. Wilkinson, Kelso (Caldwell 85m), Hamilton.

REFEREE: A. Boskovic.

MAN OF THE MATCH: Rasmussen (Blacktown) 2; Wishart (Brisbane City) 3.



KIM WISHART

CANBERRA'S ATTACK OF THE HORRORS

by Greg Blake

Canberra fans can be eternally grateful that they weren't on hand to witness what must have been the Arrows worst performance this season against Footscray.

Any aspirations of a championship this season can be well and truly forgotten as far as Canberra are concerned.

In fact, on Sunday's performance I can't for the life of me comprehend how they ever got near the top of the League in the first place.

The Eagles did as they pleased and ran out comfortable 3-1 victors — and it should have been more.

Perhaps this was a recurrence of the Arrows pitiful second half against Heidelberg last week when they conceded five of the best in 45 minutes.

This week, however, — and the losses of Roy Stark, Terry Byrne and Tony Brennan are no excuse — they played the entire 90 minutes without confidence, rhythm and with little hint of their much-vaunted ability.

Canberra were in the game for exactly seven minutes.

Their bright opening seemingly peaked at this time as Duncan Cole sent a steaming drive against the Eagles crossbar and away.

Should the visitors have taken the lead the match might have developed into something than the overwhelmingly average one that it was.

For the grafting Blues this was their 16th home point of the season.

What this fairly insipid match needed was a player or two out of the ordinary to liven up proceedings.

The closest we had were the devastating left field partnership of Suki Jovanovic and Vlatko Lujic, big Kyri Kyriakouleas' return to his place in defence — and making sure everybody knew it — and the enthusiastic efforts of young Bruno Cozzella even after the bullocking he took from Harry Williams.

The Eagles took the lead six minutes from half time when Ian Purdie made a seemingly genuine tackle on Jim Milne inside the box which, unfortunately, sent the Blues defender sprawling.

Skipper, Zoki Illioski, started proceedings by slamming the spot kick past Hoszowski's right hand.

Denis Boland made a timely save or two but the Arrows never intimated the slightest hint of a comeback.

Igor Hazabent struck a delightful shot following a free kick and deserved a goal for his screaming low cannon from all of 25 yards which evaded a sea of defenders and almost splintered the far upright before returning to play in the 58th minute.

But within 60 seconds Jovanovic had taken off again. He speared the ball wide to Lujic who in turn managed a precarious centre which found Jim Kondarios who bent low and sent his header into the back of the net to make it 2-0.

Verweij's looping header just over the bar and a lovely turn of skill and pace by Cozzella, which ended in a dipper that also evaded the net, were worthy of goals.

However, Cozzella had only to wait and with 18 minutes left to play he found himself turning the ball past a sprawling Hoszowski after his first shot — following a free kick — had rebounded back into his path.

Robbie O'Shea finally broke the Arrows' drought with a sizzling 25-metre shot produced from almost nothing as he ran into the path of a ball chested down by John Massa with five minutes remaining.

Footscray are supposedly not in Canberra's league but the Arrows, on Sunday, were less than ordinary and if they had a good player I didn't see him.

FOOTSCRAY: Boland, Hazabent, Kyriakouleas, Kondarios, O'Reilly, Milne, Illioski, Jovanovic, Lujic, Verweij, Cozzella.

CANBERRA: Hoszowski, Williams, J.O'Shea, M.O'Shea, Moutsopoulos, Cole, R.O'Shea, Purdie (Massa 46), McLaren, Gibson, Valeri.

Referee: E Venios.

MAN OF THE MATCH: Canberra: R O'Shea 1. Footscray: Jovanovic 3.

ARROWS DUNCAN COLE FINDS IT TOUGH GETTING PAST JIM O'REILLY OF FOOTSCRAY.

THIS MATCH WAS NO CLASSIC !

By DAVID JACK

Every once in a while, spectators have to suffer a match they'd like to forget in a hurry. That is what happened in the 1 - 1 Leichhardt v Preston draw.

It really was a miserable affair. Even one loyal Leichhardt official reflected after the final whistle : "It's not surprising so many spectators have given away Soccer."

Indeed if we saw many games like this one, we could kiss goodbye to all the fans but, fortunately, it does not happen too often.

Leichhardt produced most of the pressure, with winger Phil O'Connor constantly threatening to carve a way through an efficient Preston defence. Yet a glance at my notes indicates that the pressure meant nothing. The Sydney side had only two genuine chances - one in the 36th minute when Zdenko Kafka was slow shooting from a good position and, later, when Marshall Soper forced the equalising goal over the line a quarter of an hour from full-time.

Those two efforts apart, you could forget Leichhardt as a goalscoring threat.

It was not surprising when coach Willie Wallace summed up : "Two bad teams in a very poor match."

Opposing coach Peter Ollerton was much happier. He said : "It's not easy picking up any points on this ground. I didn't expect a lot so the draw was most welcome. In fact, we could easily have won the match."

He was right.

The unfancied Victorians were ahead 1 - 0 after 39 minutes, with Claude Lucchesi running on to a great pass from Isaac Farrell after Preston broke out of defensive trouble.

Even before that, Preston should have scored when Greg Woodhouse touched a goal-bound header from Farrell on to his crossbar after only 15 minutes.

Preston were not over-endowed with individual talent but they kept plugging away and were never in much danger of losing the match. Indeed they, rather than Leichhardt, can look back on the 90 minutes with some satisfaction.

Preston are gradually pulling out of relegation danger and have picked up some useful results recently. This was one of them.

Coach Ollerton is due back from suspension next weekend but admits he may have to put up with a seat on the bench. "Team spirit is sky high right now,"he said, adding, "when you're going all right, it is a mistake to change the team around."

Without doubt, late-season signings have improved the Preston side. At Lambert Park, goalkeeper Richard Wilson was in top form and Isaac Farrell was constantly in the midfield action. Peter Boyle, too, looked a useful performer during the first half.

I made O'Connor the top man for the home team but this talented winger has had many more impressive outings.

LEICHHARDT : Woodhouse, McAusland, Wilson, Hughes, Casacchia (Bradley 70 mts), Gray, Butler, Kafka, Morsello, Soper, O'Connor.

PRESTON : Wilson, Rainey, Beech, Petrovski, Boyle, McMillan, Farrell, Lucchesi, Flavell, Whittle, Brown.

REFEREE : Jim Reeves.

MAN OF THE MATCH : Leichhardt - O'Connor 3 pts. Preston Richard Wilson 2 pts.

NEWCASTLE FIND FORM BUT NOT THE NET

by Ian Smith

It was crowd-stirring stuff at the International Sports Centre as the Raiders pulled back a 0-2 half time deficit to record a draw against Adelaide City Giants.

After a spirited opening from both sides Justin Fashanu scored in just the sixth minute after he had found space in the box and received a Sergio Melta cross. Though Dando managed to get his hand to the shot all he could do was parry it into the back of the net.

He did manage to save one just four minutes later however and things looked promising for Raiders for a time but their forward line continually let them down by being caught in the offside trap, the main offender being Bob Mountford.

In the 20th minute Melta commenced a run from just inside his own half which eventually culminated when he scored a fine goal after playing a one-two on the edge of the box with Chris Minou.

Adelaide Giants at this time had more cohesion and looked better disciplined than the Raiders and it was obvious that the home side would need inspiration from somewhere to get back into the game.

As has so often happened in the past, captain Roy Drinkwater, playing his 100th game for the club, provided that shining light though his first attempt at goal in the 33rd minute he headed over the bar.

As Newcastle slowly worked their way back into the match Adelaide were put under pressure from time to time and in the 43rd minute seemed certain to break through.But David Jones' shot hit the underside of the crossbar and bounced back into the field of play again which left the Raiders down 0-2 at the break and now in a seemingly impossible position.

The second half commenced, as had the first, with neither side having the ascendancy and Adelaide City through Fashanu almost grabbing another goal but Dando saved off his feet.

It was only moments later when the second Drinkwater header brought off a great point-blank save by Przylbylski.

In the 67th minute Drinkwater finally got it all right as a Steve Sumner free kick from near the corner flag came across low and hard, Drinkwater met it with his head at full blast and the goalkeeper had no chance this time.

Although KB tried hard their lack of a penetrating striker was emphasised yet again when, at the other end, Fashanu sent Dando the wrong way before shooting but Dando's reflexes were up to the test and he raised his leg to kick it clear when a goal seemed imminent.

The 79th substitution of Minou and the 82nd carrying off of Fashanu with an injured leg saw the dismantling of the Giants as an attacking force.

From this point on, Newcastle were on top right to the finish and it was no surprise in the 86th minute when, after a move that started from Mason at the back and featured a good run and cross by David Jones, Graham Heys rammed it home from close range with the goalkeeper and a defender bearing down on him.

In the dying moments a Joe Senkalski shot deflected off a defender and seemed certain to be the winner for the Raiders but it floated harmlessly wide to leave the final score at 2-2.

The big question mark after the game was how good will Adelaide City be now that Fashanu is on his way home.

While he was on the park there was at least one quality striker to look at but from the moment he left it was made painfully aware to the spectators how both the sides lacked a class finisher.

If KB Raiders could get an asset like that their 4,787 crowd figure would proably double almost overnight.

NEWCASTKE: Dando, Tredinnick, Senkalski, Drinkwater, Sumner, Mountford, Endacott, Jones, Heys, Buckley (Kamasz 50), Mason.

ADELAIDE CITY: Przylbylski, Russell, B.Nyskohus, Jones, Marocchi, J.Nyskohus, Northcote, Melta, Villani, Manou (Miller 79), Fashanu (Rankin 82).

Referee: D Nugent. Crowd: 4,787.

Yellow card: Minou.

MAN OF THE MATCH: Newcastle: Mason 3. Adelaide: Melta 2.

WEEKEND FIXTURES

Philips Soccer League

SOUTH MELBOURNE GUNNERS V ADELAIDE HAWKS
DATE: Sunday, August 2. KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm.
GROUND: Middle Park.
OFFICIALS: Referee - D. Voutsinas. Linesmen - J. Brennan, M. Momont.

ADELAIDE GUNNERS V LEICHHARDT STRIKERS
DATE: Sunday, August 2. KICK-OFF: 2.30 pm.
VENUE: Olympic Sports Field.
OFFICIALS: Referee - C. Bambridge. Linesmen - G. Neal, J. Woodward.

PRESTON RAMS V WOLLONGONG WOLVES
DATE: Sunday, August 2. KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm.
VENUE: Conner Reserve.
OFFICIALS: Referee - S. Mellings. Linesmen - D. Fokianos, N. Karlich.

BRIS. GLADIATORS V NEWCASTLE KB RAIDERS
DATE: Sunday, August 2. KICK-OFF: 1.00 pm.
VENUE: Ballymore Park.
OFFICIALS: Referee - C. Amos. Linesmen - G. Nicholson, W. Turkington.

SYDNEY SLICKERS V BLACKTOWN DEMONS
DATE: Sunday, August 2. KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm.
VENUE: Sydney Athletic Field.
OFFICIALS: Referee - K. Small. Linesmen - A. Owens, R. Barton.

CANBERRA ARROWS V BRISBANE LIONS
DATE: Sunday, August 2. KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm.
VENUE: Bruce Stadium.
OFFICIALS: Referee - R. Mee. Linesmen - M. Welch, P. Murphy.

MARCONI LEOPARDS V FOOTSCRAY EAGLES
DATE: Sunday, August 2. KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm.
VENUE: Marconi Stadium.
OFFICIALS: Referee - R. Lorenc. Linesmen - B. Wilkinson, T. Williams.

SYDNEY OLYMPIANS V HEIDELBERG WARRIORS
DATE: Sunday, August 2. KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm.
VENUE: Pratten Park.
OFFICIALS: Referee - P. Rampley. Linesmen - A. Rodway, O. Scevak.

ADELAIDE GIANTS V ADELAIDE HAWKS
PHILIPS CUP QUARTER-FINAL
DATE: Wednesday, July 29. KICK-OFF: 8.00 pm.
VENUE: Hindmarsh Stadium.
OFFICIALS: Referee - B. Harwood (or D. Campbell).
Linesmen - J. Rossis, K. Stokes.

Soccer Terms explained: No.10

A Penalty.

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NEXT WEEKEND'S PREVIEWS

MARCONI V FOOTSCRAY

By Brad Earl

Marconi have the chance to do the double on dull, dour Footscray on Sunday, and pick up two valuable points in the process as they work gamely to get back to the top of the pile (at least as far as esteem goes).

The Leopards have been only one of two sides to leave Footscray's home fortress with two points. Recently, they have improved their home form, but they still find it tough going when they leave Fairfield.

They will have a distinct advantage this week because of last Sunday's break, although, of course, Henderson, Byrne, Krncevic, Hunter, Sharne, Maher and Jankovics were all working, for Australia, in Fiji.

It's amazing how a club that has been down in the dumps for most of this year can still provide almost 50 per cent of the national squad.

So long as they all strip fit for Sunday, Raul Blanco's side should run all over Footscray. He now has the distinct advantage of having the four star front-runners to threaten any forward who slackens.

Tony Henderson and Berti Mariani are no longer being switched all over the park, and they certainly are playing much better now settled as the central defence pairing.

Footscray place most of their emphasis on defence, with players like Hazabent, O'Reilly, Kondarios, Kyriakouleas, Kakantonis and Milne all able to fill defensive roles, and captain Zoran Ilioski acting as defensive midfielder.

But the man who has saved them so many times this year is goalkeeper Dennis Boland. Still, I see the Eagles copping a hiding at Bossley Park.

ADELAIDE GIANTS V LEICHHARDT

By Tom McKain

Coach Bob D'Ottavi may now find it much harder to motivate Adelaide Giants as title hopes slip away, and they have to count on other teams winning as well as themselves.

On paper, the Giants should run all over Leichhardt Strikers at Olympic Sports Field on Sunday.

But while Willie Wallace can point to five players under 19 in his line-up at times, and be satisfied with possibly finishing in the top four, D'Ottavi has to finish with the title, or at least runner-up, to please fans who have seen so many points thrown away.

The home draw with Blacktown last Sunday week was hard to swallow, and the home defeat from Footscray Eagles before that was even harder.

While it could be difficult to stir up the players, it might be even harder to ship up the fans, who have shown a surprising lack of interest, despite guest star Justin Fashanu, and some fine team performances which at one stage had Giants at the top of the table.

When you think of Leichhardt you think of Phil O'Connor, but they also have Terry Butler, and a bunch of young players eager to buzz around the park in the hope that they will be part of Wallace's three-year plan.

Giants also have stars — Fashanu playing his last home game and hoping to end a rather sedate stay with a flourish — Socceroo David Mitchell and other potential scorers galore.

But they all have to get it together at once.

If they don't, it could be another sad day for the Giants, whose image has shrunk at home in their last few games.

CANBERRA V BRISBANE LIONS

By Steve Burns

Brisbane Lions, still boasting one of the PSL's best defensive records, are Canberra Arrows' opponents at Bruce Stadium on Sunday, with the Arrows anxious to wipe out the memories of their last home game — the 5-1 annihilation by Heidelberg.

That, hopefully, was a fiasco that won't be repeated again.

Canberra has several key players carrying nagging injuries, but Terry Byrne (one match suspension) and Robert O'Shea (broken toe) are expected to return to the defence on Sunday. Both are vitally needed.

Once Heidelberg got on level terms Canberra's collapse was a disgrace. It ended any chance they had of giving front-runners South Melbourne and Sydney Slickers a real run for their money.

Obviously, against the toughness of defenders like big Jim Hermiston, Col Bennett, Paul Ontong, and ex-Canberra youngster Steve Hogg, Lions' is not an easy defence to penetrate.

And up front Billy Williamson has hit a great patch and will trouble Canberra's defence.

His partners are likely to be Lions ex-junior Craig Low and Jim McLean (21) a Scot whose last club was Frujus, of Denmark.

With Byrne and Robert O'Shea back, Canberra's defence should have much more character and capability.

Coach George Murray will talk of nothing less than victory — and once more attacking Soccer.

To keep faith with their fans, nothing less is acceptable.

SYDNEY OLYMPIANS V HEIDELBERG WARRIORS

By John Field

When Greek meets Greek, what should we expect ? Perhaps an explosion at Pratten Park next Sunday !

Both of these teams enjoy support from the Greek community - Olympians from the the Sydney Greeks and Heidelberg from the Melbourne branch of the family.

On Sunday, though, that will count for little. The main item on the agenda will be the collection of two precious points which Olympians and Heideleberg badly need if they are climb up the Philips League table.

Olympians have had a bad run for the past few weeks, causing them to even worry about the horrors of being relegated yet again from the PSL.

Heidelberg, meanwhile, have undoubtedly improved under the guidance of Len McKendry and have managed to produce some great results.

Perhaps the one player who could sway things on Sunday is young Peter Katholos. Nobody doubts the youngster's ability but he has certainly gone off the boil recently. Olympians wait patiently week by week for a Katholos revival and if it comes against Heidelberg, there will be smiling faces in Sydney.

Nobody would enjoy that more than new coach Doug Collins who has quickly realised that Australian Soccer can be pretty cruel when results don't come.

Collins deserves a change of luck.

Man for man, Heidelberg are probably better equipped than Olympians because in national team players like John Yzendoorn, Theo Selemidis, Gary Cole and Jamie Paton, they have the sort of talent which should have their side contesting the premiership.

Of course, Heidelberg's greatest headache this year was the terrible start to the season. Plagued by doubts over the coaching position, they slipped into relegation trouble.

I think they will climb clear of that fate...perhaps they will grab two points from Olympians.

I lean towards a home win, though. It's Sydney Olympians for my money.

SYDNEY SLICKERS v BLACKTOWN DEMONS

By Keith Gilmour

Having been a very interested spectator at Blacktown's recent deferred match win over the Slickers, I can look forward to Sunday's game with the same anticipation as the Blacktown fans who will turn out at the Athletic Field for the big return event.

They will be hoping — or is expecting the word — another win for their side.

On the recent game, the number of offside traps the Demons successfully sprung did not mean so much to their fans. They were more involved in the other exciting aspects of the play, and indeed the victory.

Blacktown certainly have no mortgage on skills, however, especially if striker John Kosmina is back in the action for the Slickers.

It will be interesting if coach Rale Rasic changes his tactics to any great degree for this game.

The use of John Djordjevic at sweeper was a worthwhile move; it could be especially effective if midfielder Branislav Krstic's condition improves to make him more of a midfield threat.

The Slickers are much the faster side. But can coach Eddie Thomson improve his percentage of avoidances of the offside trap to gain some clear breakaways?

If time-wasting tactics are employed, then it is up to the referee to add time on.

In summary, there is not as much between the teams as their positions on the table would suggest. I am going for a narrow win to Sydney City, but if Blacktown can frustrate their illustrious opponents as they did at Marconi, then at least a draw could be in the Demons' keeping.

BRISBANE CITY V NEWCASTLE KB

By Wally Bruce

Brisbane City Gladiators clash with Newcastle KB Raiders has an unusual setting. It is being played at Rugby Union's headquarters at Ballymore on Sunday, with the PSL match assigned "curtain-raiser" status.

The Ballymore ground is only a stone's throw from City's Spencer Park headquarters and officials of the two codes decided on the unique promotion to avoid a clash of interests.

The Queensland Rugby Union team is scheduled to play the touring Italian Rugby team (yes they do play that funny game in Italy!)

Gladiators president Gino Merlo and QRU chairman Norbert Byrne combined to dream up the idea and City obviously feel they will receive adequate recompense for the loss of home takings.

The move had the full support of the Philips Soccer League.

As for the match itself, City probably will welcome the visit of the Raiders, as they are the only side the Gladiators have beaten away from home this season.

The Raiders recently dropped their first match in several weeks since Ray Baartz took over, while City got back on the home winning trail by beating Lions in their local derby.

If both sides resist the temptation to try and knock the ball through the Rugby goalposts, it should be an entertaining affair. All I have to do now is borrow an old school tie so I can get into Ballymore.

SOUTH MELBOURNE V WEST ADELAIDE

By Greg Blake

There's every chance West Adelaide could come to Middle Park and knock off South Melbourne this Sunday in one of the big Greek derby games.

Of course they could also get a mother and a father of a hiding from the classy, but not altogether convincing, Gunners side. Such are the fluctuating fortunes of teams involved in prestigious derby matches like this one.

The Gunners, after a pretty poor spell at home (poor if you have ambitions of winning the league), struck a long-awaited "purple patch" against Leichhardt a fortnight ago.

However it lasted for the first half only.

As John Margaritis put it: "They should punish opponents when they have the chance."

If that negligent, presumptuous attitude prevails on Sunday, the Gunners could be in a heap of trouble against a Hawks team desperate to avoid relegation.

A large crowd is assured and either way a Greek victory is certain.

Many will be hoping the under-dogs, West Adelaide, can get up. Thus the lowly Hawks will not be battling a fiercly parochial home crowd.

Neither should they be intimidated by the big names in the Gunners line-up who tend to turn their good form on and off at the strangest of moments.

Martyn Crook, is a fine keeper for Wests, Graeme Honeyman a tireless worker, Vic Smythe skilled, Con Kambas and Tom Forde form an experienced central defence combination and Manecas is a constant danger.

I'll stick with the Gunners for their overall class, although it may be a lot closer than expected.

PRESTON V WOLLONGONG

By Greg Blake

Was the renaissance of Peter Ollerton's Preston side against Newcastle an indication of things to come, or just a simple blast from the past?

Has Ollerton managed to coach the new-look side to their, to date, minimal success?

Or did the spirit of early season return to them for just a fleeting 90 minutes to remind us of what might have been?

That, and many other questions, will be answered when the Rams face a visit from the League's other 1981 newcomers, Wollongong Wolves, this Sunday.

I rather fancy that Ollerton has managed to steer the team back into, if not a winning vein, at least a course which should see them safely to PSL survival.

WOLLONGONG WOLVES

At least they have a little confidence after suffering a humiliating 12-match run without a win.

Wollongong come to Melbourne with an impressive record in their first season in the big league.

Only six losses for the season so far indicates just how much progress they've made with a sprinkling of former Newcastle lads, a couple of Kiwis, and some new, and exciting, names.

I've still to find anyone that was not impressed by Wolves on their previous visits to Melbourne, 3-0 against Heidelberg, 1-1 at Footscray and 0-1 at South Melbourne.

Arno Bertogna, a player I saw and liked at Newcastle, will lead his apparently strong defence against a pretty much make-shift Preston attack.

Without Cullen, Ward and probably Ollerton, Preston will be hard pressed to find the back of the net.

However, at long last the Rams — thanks to Ollerton and John Kennedy — are finding a bit of confidence which is naturally being reflected in their results.

Enough, in fact, to enable them to take a point from the visitors this week.

PHILIPS CUP

LAST CHANCE FOR THESE TWO

by Tom McKain

Adelaide's Giants and Hawks get their last chance for glory tomorrow night (Wednesday) when they meet in a semi-final of the Philips Cup at Hindmarsh Stadium.

To make the final should be some consolation in a season which promised so much for Giants, but now looks like petering out, and has been a struggle for Hawks who are still in danger of being relegated.

If the players' enthusiasm can be raised it should be a cut and thrust affair, but Giants won't be expected to repeat their 3-0 league win on the same ground earlier in the season.

They will find midfielders Graham Honeyman and Ian McGregor back in top form, Manecas with a new lease of life up front, and new import Colin Gregson a tiger in midfield.

Vic Smythe is also a change to the side Giants thrashed, and Aldo Lorenzoni is now an established striker.

The match will be English guest star Justin Fashanu's farewell, as he is due to fly out on Monday, August 3.

If both teams psyche themselves up, the match should be a beauty, with David Mitchell and Johnny Nyskohus going for goals with Fashanu, and Gary Marocchi, Charlie Villani and Sergio Melta charging at the Hawks from midfield.

Neither team is likely to back off, even if they hit the front, so while we may not see classic Soccer, it will be a hundred miles an hour stuff with shots from all parts of the park.

While a place in the final against Marconi or Lions in the Cup showpiece in Canberra on September 20 should be enough incentive for both teams, winning the Cup could be essential for Hawks.

They are facing the frightening possibility of being thrown out of the PSL.

A sound league run home, even if they still finish bottom, and a Cup win, might just be enough to persuade PSL chiefs they should be given another chance.

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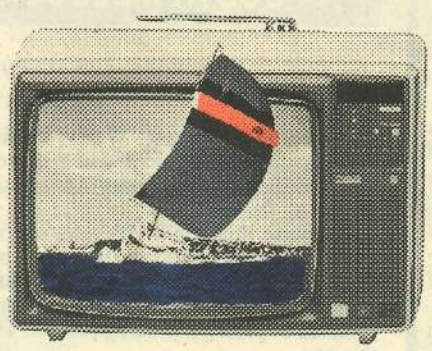

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THE YOUNG CHAMPIONS

By John Economos

On October 3 of this year, Australia will be hit by the biggest sporting event ever witnessed here since the Melbourne 1956 Olympic Games.

It is the FIFA WORLD YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS for the COCA-COLA CUP, that Cup going to the nation winning the Final at the Sydney Cricket Ground on October 18.

More than 350 players and officials, together with over 300 members of the Press, will fly into Australia for this Coca-Cola Soccer extravaganza.

The World Youth Championship will be the third series staged. The first was held in Tunisia in 1977, when the USSR defeated Mexico in the Final.

In 1979, the second series was held in Tokyo where Argentina defeated the USSR in the Final, before a record crowd of 70,000. In that Final, a star was born, the brilliant Diego Maradona, the young Argentinian striker who today commands a world record $10 million market valuation.

Australia now has been honoured by FIFA to host the third World Youth Championship series that will involve 16 nations doing battle for the Coca-Cola Cup.

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Our first two Young Champions are Ian Hunter (Australia's captain), and Peter Raskopoulos (Australia's dynamic midfielder).

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No.1. IAN HUNTER

THE FIFA WORLD YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP THE COCA-COLA CUP AUSTRALIA 1981

THE FIFA WORLD YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP THE COCA-COLA CUP AUSTRALIA 1981

Born: 10th August 1961.
Height: 5 feet 7 inches.
Position: Winger.
Favourite car: Datsun Bluebird.
Music: Most types, Billy Joel favourite.

As a young lad, Ian modelled himself on Chelsea's England international, Peter Osgood. At present, his idol is none other than Maradona from Argentina. Liverpool is his club love.

Ian started his Soccer in the Nepean area before going to Blacktown City in 1980.

At the end of last year, the Marconi club bought Hunter for a bargain figure of $4,000.

No sooner had Marconi signed Hunter, than tragedy struck the player. He went with the Australian Youth team to Fiji last December to play in a Youth Tournament, and in the Final, broke his leg; that injury put him out of the game for most of this season.

Ian has now fully recovered and has forced his way into the Australian World Cup side that travelled to Fiji last week.

Hunter is a fast, courageous striker who constantly probes defences to set up goals for himself or his inside-strikers.

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No.2. PETER RASKOPOULOS

THE FIFA WORLD YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP THE COCA-COLA CUP AUSTRALIA 1981

THE FIFA WORLD YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP THE COCA-COLA CUP AUSTRALIA 1981

Born: 22nd February 1962.
Height: 5 feet 11 inches.
Position: Attacking midfielder.
Favourite car: Jaguar XJS.
Music: New Wave.

Peter is a strongly-built lad, possessing good skills and knocks great first-time balls up front to his strikers. His defensive qualities have improved out of sight this year.

Raskopoulos started playing junior Soccer with Earlwood Wanderers for six years, before crossing over to Sydney Olympic and making his first grade debut at the tender age of 15. He has played all his senior Soccer with Sydney Olympic, except for last year when he was transferred for a season to Marconi.

Young Raskopoulos' physical strength will be very much needed against the speedy, full-time professional Argentines and Englishmen.

"Rasko's" hero was Australia's ex-World Cup keeper, Ronny Corry. On the international scene, Peter idolises Maradona and the classy Trevor Brooking, whilst club-wise, Manchester United is his favourite.

It will not be very long before Rasko is called up to the senior World Cup team to play for Australia. He already has been listed as a standby.

Last December,Peter captained the Australian Youth team when Hunter was unavailable due to his broken leg.

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MACDONALDS SUPPORT ACT SOCCER

By Steve Burns

The ACT SF has gained a magnificent, sponsorship from the fast-food franchise, MacDonalds.

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It would net the Association several thousand dollars — all for youth development:

"John Foster, the holder of the MacDonald's franchise for the ACT, went to a recent sports meeting of all codes and announced he was interested in an involvement in the junior development of sport," Mr Peachey said.

"We jumped at the chance. We saw him immediately and told him of the idea for the development of an ACT Soccer Academy for youngsters.

"Mr Foster thought it a magnificent idea. 'I want a piece of that' was the way he put it," Mr Peachey said. "But he made it clear he couldn't offer money for direct sponsorship.

"It would have to be indirect sponsorship.

"Mr Foster had heard of the idea we've now got from a small tennis association which raised thousands of dollars through it for a new club-house.

"We grabbed the concept and named it MacDonald's Soccer Dollar."

How does it work?

"People buy a MacDonald's voucher," Mr Peachey said.

"They then spend that voucher at MacDonald's two ACT outlets in Weston and Dickson. They get full value for the dollar.

"For every voucher cashed MacDonald's return 50 cents to the ACT Soccer Federation.

"We think it's great. Canberra has over 5,000 registered juniors and we think we can really attract them to get out their Ronald MacDonald's Soccer Dollar.

"Each voucher goes in a barrel and the winner gets a dinner for two or sports goods to the value of $100," Mr Peachey said.

The MacDonald's Soccer Dollar competition would run until the end of the season.

"We hope we can renew it again next year," Mr Peachey said.

PARRAMATTA CITY U16 CUP
Garside Park, Wed. July 29

6.15 p.m. Canterbury v Riverwood
7.30 p.m. Leichhardt v Illawarra
8.30 p.m. Blacktown City v Wilhelmina

KEITH GILMOUR ON

JUNIOR SOCCER

AUST CHAMPIONSHIPS COST A PRETTY PENNY

Parents of players involved in the Australian junior championships will have to find $50 each as a contribution to the travel costs.

Then there will be staggering further expenditure for accommodation and meals.

"This is inevitable if we are to conduct the championships which have been carried on for so many years," said NSW Amateur Soccer Federation president Doug McCarron.

"This year we have to travel to titles in Perth, Mt Isa and Darwin, and it is all expensive.

"At the same time Western Australia have come east on many occasions, so we can't have it our way all the time."

NSW had a good run recently when titles have been held at Gosford, Melbourne and Hobart.

But is junior Soccer getting value for its dollar raised by sponsorship and fees?

When little Bundaberg can afford a full-time director of coaching but NSW — the State as a whole — staggers on and relies almost solely on the senior clubs to improve the standard of youth play to entertainment level, where is Soccer going?

The public wants high class football, but the last 10 years have been lost to a very considerable degree.

NSW amateurs publicity officer Bill Kennedy advises that the State finals in U8 and U9 have been set down on Sun Sept 6 at the Goulburn College of Advanced Education.

And at Punchbowl Oval next Sunday (July 26) the finals of the NSW Amateur Cup, U21 Robertson Cup and the U18 State Cup will be played.

Keith Gilmour

DECIDED — ON 34 PENALTIES!

It took a staggering total of 34 penalty kicks to separate Normanhurst Boys High and Epping Boys High in Friday night's quarter final of the Northern District & Ku-ring-gai Schools Cup at Englefield Stadium.

Normanhurst ultimately edged out their rivals 13-12 on penalties (with nine missed) after the teams were locked 1-1 at full-time.

The top crowd of the season saw fine goalkeeping displays by P. Hillig for the winners and N. Fry for the losers.

Carlingford's local derby with Muirfield went to penalties after a 1-1 score at full-time, with the former winning 3-1 on penalties.

Robert Moffit netted for Muirfield, but Carlingford drew level with 10 minutes remaining through a Garth Mackie goal.

Referee Damien Miles issued many warnings in the James Ruse-Malvina game, ultimately won 1-0 by the former, who scored through Greg Bromley.

Carlingford was untroubled to enter the girls' semi-finals with a 4-0 win over Model Farms.

Friday's bill includes four semi-finals, with Pennant Hills and Marsfield kicking off for the girls at 5 p.m.

Remaining matches are: 6.00 p.m. Cumberland v Normanhurst (boys); 7.30 p.m. James Ruse v Carlingford (girls); and 8.15 p.m. James Ruse v Carlingford (boys).

YOUTH LEAGUE

GROUP 1

	U14	U15	U16
Gladesville v Bankstown	1-4	1-0	3-1
St George v Croatia	5-1	2-1	1-0
B'town City v Baulkham Hills	0-1	1-1	1-0
Illawarra v South & Eastern	1-2	6-1	0-3
Polonia v Melita	1-1	2-0	3-3
Sydney Olympic v Leichhardt	0-1	0-0	1-1

GROUP 2

	U14	U15	U16
Nepean v Riverwood	3-1	2-2	1-2
Ku-ring-gai v Avala	3-0	0-3	1-1
Cen. Coast v Blacktown Assn.	1-2	5-0	2-2
Marconi v Southern Districts	2-1	1-0	1-2
Sutherland v Manly	1-2	2-0	3-2
Canterbury, bye			

POINT SCORE:

GROUP 1

U14: Sydney Olympic 37, Leichhardt 33, Illawarra 32, St George 31, Gladesville 26, Blacktown City 17, Melita 17, Bankstown 17, Polonia 15, Baulkham Hills 15, Southern & Eastern 14, Croatia 10.

U15: St George 40, Leichhardt 37, Illawarra 30, Croatia 27, Blacktown City 26, Gladesville 26, Baulkham Hills 19, Polonia 17, Sydney Olympic 14, Bankstown 13, Southern & Eastern 11, Melita 4.

U16: Blacktown City 38, Leichhardt 37, St George 32, Gladesville 27, Southern — Eastern 26, Sydney Olympic 25, Melita 20, Croatia 15, Bankstown 14, Illawarra 14, Polonia 11, Baulkham Hills 3.

GROUP 2

U14: Ku-ring-gai 38, Marconi 33, Manly 32, Blacktown Assn. 26, Canterbury 26, Sutherland 24, Southern Dists. 21, Nepean 21, Central Coast 19, Avala 12, Riverwood 9.

U15: Sutherland 40, Marconi 37, Canterbury 35, Manly 30, Nepean 26, Riverwood 22, Avala 22, Central Coast 20, Ku-ring-gai 19, Blacktown Assn 9, Southern Dists 0.

U16: Canterbury 40, Marconi 34, Sutherland 31, Southern Dists. 28, Manly 27, Blacktown Assn 23, Ku-ring-gai 23, Riverwood 21, Avala 16, Nepoean 11, Central Coast 8.

NSW YOUTH LEAGUE
TOP FOUR PLAY-OFFS
Saturday, August 1st

Bankstown Soccer Centre:

12 a.m. U14 — Sydney Olympic v Marconi
1.30 p.m. U15 — St. George v Marconi
3.00 p.m. U16 — Blacktown City v Marconi

Mona Park:

12.00 a.m. U14 — Ku-ring-gai v Leichhardt
1.30 p.m. U15 — Sutherland v Leichhardt
3.00 p.m. U16 Canterbury v Leichhardt
(N.B. Y.L. POLONIA CUP STARTS SAT. AUG. 8)

METROPOLITAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

	U10	U11	U12	U13
Granville v Bankstown	3-0	0-3	4-0	0-3
Central Coast v Manly	—	0-2	3-0	2-3
Blacktown v Ku-ring-gai	—	3-2	0-4	0-5
Canterbury v Gladesville	0-0	1-1	3-1	1-0
Illawarra v Nepean	2-1	5-0	2-2	4-2
Sth & Est v St George	0-1	0-6	0-1	1-4
Sutherland, bye.				

POINT SCORE:

U10: Granville 14, Illawarra 14, Nepean 13, Gladesville 9, Canterbury 9, St George 7, Southern & Eastern 5, Bankstown 5, Manly 2, Blacktown 0.

U11: Illawarra 22, St George 18, Canterbury 16, Gladesville 15, Granville 11, Nepean 10, Bankstown 10, Blacktown 10, Southerland 9, Manly 6, Southern & Eastern 5, Central Coast 4, Ku-ring-gai 0.

U12: St George 19, Granville 18, Nepean 17, Illawarra 15, Gladesville 12, Canterbury 12, Bankstown 10, Southern & Eastern 9, Central Coast 8, Sutherland 7, Manly 5, Ku-ring-gai 3, Blacktown 1.

U13: St George 20, Sutherland 18, Canterbury 14, Ku-ring-gai 14, Illawarra 13, Bankstown 11, Manly 11, Granville 10, Southern & Eastern 9, Nepean 6, Gladesville 4, Blacktown 4, Central Coast 2.

JIM HERMISTON'S COACHING HINTS

Jim Hermiston, one of Australia's outstanding Soccer players, has supplied AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY with a series of illustrated coaching hints.

Hermiston plays with Brisbane Lions in the Philips League but before migrating to Australia, he was a distinguished player in his native Scotland.

He was included in Scotland's original squad for the 1974 World Cup finals in West Germany and was unlucky not to be in the final 22 which travelled to Germany.

If you want to buy Jim Hermiston's Soccerskills in book form, it is available from:—

Queensland Newspapers, Campbell Street, Bowen Hills, Brisbane, Queensland, 4006.

Send $3 for the book. This will also cover postal charges.

SOCCERSKILL

with JIM HERMISTON

CATCH AND HOLD. A goalkeeper must always try to get his body behind the ball.

When a ball comes towards him at an even pace along the ground he should keep his legs fairly close together, bend at the waist and place his hands on the ground with palms upwards to gather the ball. If the ball comes hard and low it often is safer to crouch with one knee on the ground almost at a right angle to the oncoming ball with the body twisted at the waist to face the ball. On receiving the ball it should be clutched to the chest. For a waist-high ball, hands should be held slightly forward of the body in a shovel-shaped, palms up position, again with the ball being drawn to the chest on contact. A ball at chest height should be allowed to make contact with the chest with arms curling around it on impact.

LAINCA TO NSW SIDE

Joe Lainca has won selection as the NSW goalkeeper to play in the U14 Australian Championships this year.

He is the regular goalkeeper for Leichhardt's U15 team although he is still 14.

He is the club's only junior to have made a NSW side, and the other 350 members of the club are happy for him.

Joe attends Ashfield Boys High, so it looks like they have a top goalkeeper on the way through to Tasman Cup honours.

Goalkeeper Joe Lainca

KU-RING-GAI DISTRICT SOCCER ASSOCIATION

invites applications for the following positions for the 1982 season:

DIRECTOR OF COACHING

REPRESENTATIVE TEAM COACHES

U11, U12, U13, U14, U15, U16

Applications to R.A. Woods,
Hon. Secretary, 29 Yeramba St,
Turramurra NSW 2074
Tel. 44 7069

Applications closing 14.8.81 should include details of qualifications and experience.

WINNING TEAMS VERSUS PRODUCING SKILFUL SOCCER PLAYERS

David Lee is a local coach who obtained his FA full qualifying licence. He regularly lectures and demonstrates on Soccer at Sydney University and the Australian College of Physical Education.

In this article he turns up a few posers to ASW's Keith Gilmour.

The question I would pose is whether a Soccer coach can be effective within the current football playing structure.

It is my belief that we should be aiming to develope players of acceptable standard.

I would define "acceptable standard" as those players whom spectators will pay to watch and who can compete aginst other nations of similar physical stature and size of population.

If this is the yardstick then I do not believe we are effective.

Junior coaches sometimes see the winning of competitions as being the yardstick of good coaching.

Nothing could be further from the truth.

The oldest and fastest teams win most competitions up till the players reach their early teens.

During this period skill finishes a poor third behind age and speed.

If you as a coach wish to improve the results of a team quickly, then forget teaching the players to be skilful.

Teach them the principles of defence and get them into top physical condition.

Under these primitive conditions train him without the ball!

But, on the other hand, if you wish to improve a player's technical ability, then certainly keep him out of a winning team.

A coach must put players in positions to suit their strengths if he wishes to construct a winning team.

This is contrary to what is needed to make players better. To do this they should play in positions which expose their weaknesses, as by so doing they can learn to improve.

I will use one district (Ku-ring-gai) as a measuring stick to see just what we are — or are not — producing.

Every year, excluding sevens and eights, 3,500 players take part in 300 teams and play in some 30 competitions.

This produces some 360 winning players annually, and as players progress through the ranks and new players come into the age groups the number increases.

Growth has taken place, so over a period of years one can prove that 2,000 winning team players have come through the youth ranks.

But then the district has only come up with two players of PSL standard — Murray Barnes and Robert Wheatley.

One can also take over 100 players who represent the district in Inter-District and Youth League matches. Two is still the sad answer.

If we had as successful coaching program we could look to every district of between 3,000 and 6,000 players of the appropriate age to produce one skilled player per annum who could reach national league standards.

If this were to happen, then the Philips Soccer League could be made up of local players within four years in theory.

It is too much for associations such as Ku-ring-gai, Manly, Sutherland, etc., etc, to turn out one good player every year.

Well so far it has been way beyond our reach.

We could do it in one way by dropping the standards, but obviously we cannot do so. It is rather a case of having to increase our standards.

But, before continuing on, let us look at the point I made earlier about the age of players being a factor in turning out winning teams.

And, or course, there is also a link between age and speed and strength.

These eight sample team statistics were extracted at random from the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation records by registrar Frank Broughton.

Surely enough, they show that top competition positions in the sample go to the teams with the older players, ie, those born the earliest in the year of age qualification.

To emphasise the tendency for the older boys to win selection, it was found that in U11 64 percent of the boys were born in the first six months of the year, and in U14 67 percent.

REGISTRATION FIGURES OBTAINED FORM RECORDS OF NSW AMATEUR SOCCER FEDERATION 1979 METROPOLITAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Representative Team	Points	Position in Competition	Percentage of Players Born 1st 6 mths (i.e. having the older players)
UNDER 11 COMPETITION			
Manly-Warringah	17	1	77.7
Canterbury	11	5	75.0
Illawarra	8	9	68.7
Gladesville-Hornsby	1	12	31.2
UNDER 14 INTER-DISTRICT			
Gladesville-Hornsby	43	1	86.6
Illawarra	31	4	62.5
Ku-ring-gai	28	5	68.7
St. George	27	6	57.1

GET YOUR ENTRIES IN

Some very fine entries have come from all sectors of the junior game this year. They are under consideration for the valuable prizes donated by Serderon Plastics. Has your club or team an entry? Send it in to us. The competition represents a genuine effort to increase the standard of Soccer clubs news.

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CUP FINAL TEAMS

NSW AMATEUR CUP

CANTERBURY (3): N. Charnley, C. Blake, M. Jackson, M. Collis, G. Erickson, R. Pitello, M. De Mestre, S. Laws, K. Cringle, D. Chapman, L. Reynolds, P. Kounis.

GWALEY BAY (0): R. Harwin, P. Simonson, L. Chisholm, G. Key, A. Wilcomes, T. Campbell, S. Ellis, S. Koro, E. Koro, C. Tarrant, R. Lombo, S. Norup, S. Pooley, R. King

ROBERTSON CUP FINAL

WAHROONGAH (2) V TERRY HILLS (1)

I. Thorby, R. Giles, G. Rainsford, D. Timms, M. Carter, A. Woods, M. Calf, S. Collins, A. Brown, G. Peterson, M. Crawors, F. Lang, T. Whatlem, M. Louis, D. Hortanse.

T. Beard, C. Barker, G. Warren, E. Gosling, R. Niven, C. Gaffney, S. Kelly, W. Watson, R. Stonell, S. Jaye, M. Chamber, P. Byers, G. Coleman, M. Vander Salls, V. Amemessian.

U18 STATE CUP FINAL

MANLY VALE (3) V DUNDAS UNITED (0)

T. Ellison, A. Keating, A. Bennett, M. Krncevic, W. Kennedy, S. Banner, C. Westwood, J. Smith, J. Sestanovices, A. Somerville, W. Halford, N. Markulin, W. Ryder, B. Peake.

J. Crittenden, W. Connors, A. Rood, M. Harris, P. McCreannor, C. Madden, M. Eyre, K. Muddle, A. Parsons, G. Hayes, S. Fahey, M. Andrews, P. McHugh.

MELITA'S KEEN YOUTH LEAGUE BRIGADE

Melita Eagles have limited numbers from which to produce high quality NSW Youth League teams.

But that does not mean they are short of quality.

On the contrary, as this year their under 16 team produced three players who made the ill-fated NSW under 16 side which would have played in the Australian championship competition which was abandoned.

The players who made State level are John Gregson, Michael Parish and Frank Ursino.

The U16 team is proudly sponsored by the Red Rose Reception Lounge of Rockdale, and the U14 by Anglo Italia Concrete of Annandale.

Juniors secretary Sam Galea is hoping to see the keen under 15 team with sponsorship shortly.

MELITA EAGLES U16 TEAM

Back Row (L to R): George Karpolis, Louis Galea, Walter Bazzo, Michael Zdjlar, Mark Masaglio, John Gregson, Frank Ursino, Martin Swatridge.

Front Row: Mark Bonnici, Ricky Alamango, Darren Luckman, Terry Thomas, Gustavo Cerelio, Silvio Caruana, Gordon Carey.

Coach — Victor Bonnici; Manager — David Alamango.

MELITA EAGLES U15 TEAM

Back Row (L to R): Charles Cushieri, George Delgardo, Chris Riley, Raul Conzalez, Hector Vazques, Terry Thomas, Trent Bickley, Victor Hemenko.

Front Row: Ralf Logarzo, Darren Toira, Dimitri Topalidis, Gustavo Cerelio, Roger Kidd, Marcelo Suabezi Marcelo Mora. (missing: Luis Conzalez.)

Coach — George Genovese, Manager — Fred Genovese.

MELITA EAGLES U14 TEAM

Back Row (L to R): Alfrey Danaan, Brian Bonello, Mark Carabott, Noe Pereira Ronald Genovese, Dominic Colagiure, Paul Canibeer.

Front Row: Richard Haber, Graeme Macdougall, Nelson Paz, Fabian Sacilotto, Simon Wright, Warwick O'Brien. (missing: Ross Cameron, Stanley Medanic).

Coaches — Robert and Gino Sacilotto; Manager — Tony Bonello.

SPOTLIGHT ON STATES

TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F:A	Pt
ST GEORGE	22	20	2	0	82- 8	42
CROATIA	22	19	3	0	66-16	41
MELITA EAGLES	22	15	4	3	49-16	34
SUTHERLAND	21	11	4	6	29-18	26
POLONIA	21	10	4	7	29-31	24
INTER MONARO	22	8	6	8	33-41	22
CANTERBURY	22	6	6	10	31-45	18
MANLY	21	6	4	11	26-30	16
RIVERWOOD	20	7	2	11	24-38	16
NORTH SYDNEY	22	5	5	12	26-44	15
AUBURN	21	6	1	14	18-42	13
PARRAMATTA	22	5	3	14	20-51	13
AVALA	21	4	4	13	22-50	12
BANKSTOWN	21	3	2	16	23-48	8

TOP SCORERS

33. Marton (SG)
20. M.Silva (Cr.)
17. Farrugia(ME)
13. Heywood(IM),Hensman(Cr.)
12. M.Barton(SG),Allan(ME),Brown(CM)

NEXT GAMES

Wednesday, July 29:
Riverwood v Sutherland — ***Seymour Shaw Park***
(Kick-off 8.15 pm)

Sunday, August 2:
Croatia v St George — ***King Tomislav Park***
Riverwood v Canterbury — ***Hurstville Oval***
Melita v Polonia — ***Melita Stadium***
Sutherland v Auburn — ***Seymour Shaw Park***
Avala v North Sydney — ***Knight Park***
Parramatta v Manly Warringah — ***Garside Park***
Bankstown v Monaro — ***Bankstown Soccer Centre***

CANTERBURY — CROATIA 0-5

Borges 2, Coleman, H.Silva, Pagano

Croatia turned in another good team performance on Sunday, putting five goals past Canterbury without reply.

Marcos Silva was injured on Friday night and couldn't play, so Nelio Borges moved to centre-forward. Kevin Coleman filled out the midfield, and Kevin Dobson came back into central defence.

Borges scored two of the goals, with Coleman, winger Hilton Silva and Bobby Pagano (still at left-back) getting the rest.

Canterbury put on more pressure in the second half, but they never had any real chances, although they had one good effort in the first half.

MANLY — AVALA 5-0

Regan 2, Stocks, Smith, Jack

Manly completed the double over Avala on Sunday — a double that saw a 5-0 scoreline to Manly both home and away.

Left-back Brian Stocks opened the goal feast after quarter of an hour, with Terry Smith adding another before half-time.

David Jack scored from the penalty spot, and then Stuart Regan scored two, one with a header and the other in a goalmouth scrimmage.

Avala picked up several yellow cards in an unruly display, and Manly coach, Mick Jones, said he was very disappointed in Avala. "They acted like clowns, not like Soccer players," he said.

"We played well and we never let them get into the game. David Jack had a great game," Jones said.

"Against Sutherland things didn't go right for us, but this week we made them go right."

Manly were still without Udo Kramer, as well as Peter Falconer and Bob Geoghegan.

Avala substituted their goalkeeper and captain, Peter Ahrens, at half-time on Sunday.

TAIL-ENDERS SHAKE SAINTS

ST GEORGE — BANKSTOWN 1-0

Barton

By Brad Earl

St George could have made mincemeat of a depleted Bankstown side on Sunday, but in the end they were fortunate to win both points with a 1-0 victory.

Mark Barton had a successful return from injury, scoring the winning goal, Steve McDonald was his usual effective self at the back, and David Skeen took advantage of the absence through injury of Dennis Duarte to impress at right-back.

But the rest of the team was rather lack-lustre. Dez Marton, the State League's leading scorer this year, had an off-day, and St George coach, Frank Arok, quite rightly pulled him off, with fellow forward Barry Walker, who got a spot in the starting line-up after a long spell on the bench and in reserves.

Walker had, however, played a vital part in the goal, in the 14th minute of the match. Villy Kanacki played a one-two with him on the right, and Walker put it through well for Kanacki to get round the defence and cross into the goalmouth where Barton came in well to head in from a couple of metres.

In the 30th minute, big centre-back David Rylands came up at a corner and sent in a hard header that struck the cross-bar.

Six minutes later, Bankstown had a very good opportunity to equalise when striker John Beater found himself clear with only the goalkeeper to beat, but his shot went astray.

Bankstown were playing without regular keeper Wally Lachowicz (who was getting married), had a very capable reserve goalkeeper in — Tyron Patterson, who learnt all his junior football with St George before being badly injured a few years ago.

Patterson was Bankstown's most impressive player, turning a Marton shot round the post in the 10th minute, saving a potentially dangerous back-pass in the 56th minute, and deflecting a Barton shot away two minutes later.

Bankstown were very dreary in the first half, but they came out more determined in the second period, and an equaliser would not have come as a surprise. In the 21st minute of the second period, Beater headed goalwards for Bankstown.

DAVID SKEEN

David Skeen headed off the line, but Bankstown players were adamant afterwards that it was a goal, saying Skeen's feet were behind the line and that his body was inside the goal.

Six minutes later, Town forward Craig Ferguson let go a shot that just skimmed over the top.

In the next minute, Marton and Walker were taken off. St George were looking very empty, with no drive and inspiration.

But five minutes from time, Skeen came forward and fired a shot from a Kanacki cross that rebounded off the post.

Bankstown were without a number of first graders, including Lachowicz, captain Greg Lynch (flu), Greg King, Brett Gilligan and Craig Peck (all injured), and it was a commendable performance by the team. Apart from Patterson, good efforts came from midfielder Glen Lynch, centre-back Chris Rootsey and right-back Craig Beveridge, and in the second half, John Nocera.

"Our tactics were better than there's," Bankstown coach Bob Ferguson said.

"We raised our game, and we played a disciplined game with a very young team. We needed a point, but they got both.

"Good luck to them. They're going to have to play a lot better against Croatia."

The feeling in the Bankstown dressing room was that they were going to start picking up points all over the place in the next five games.

Frank Arok, St George's coach, was disappointed. "That's probably our worst performance all year. And at the worst time, too. It was very disappointing. There was not one good move, except the goal."

MONARO — PARRAMATTA 2-2

Valeri 2 — **Montgomery 2**

Parramatta had to equalise twice to come away from Monaro with a point on Sunday.

Monaro opened well and Mauro Valeri, who has missed much of this season through injury, opened the scoring in the 32nd minute.

Parramatta then came back into the game, and equalised in the space of three minutes when Jim Herron crossed well for Steve Montgomery to head in from three metres.

Ian Heywood had a goal disallowed soon after, but the final two goals didn't come until the final five minutes of the match after a scrappy second half.

Luis Salgado sent in a cross which Valeri guided into the net for Monaro's second goal, but Steve Montgomery headed home at the other end to win Parramatta a point.

AUBURN — MELITA 0-1

Farrugia

A penalty from Ray Farrugia was enough to get Melita through against Auburn — the first time in four years the Eagles have done the double over Auburn.

The penalty resulted after a corner was headed down by Tony Loxley, but was handballed by an Auburn defender on the line.

The match proved a poor spectacle for the crowd, with only one player really outstanding — Auburn's Johnny McDonald.

"He's definitely one of the best midfielders in Australia," Melita coach, Vic Dalgleish, said. "On the whole we were the much better team."

Melita had about seven clear chances to Auburn's three, although Melita keeper, Terry Greedy, did well to save two Auburn efforts.

Farrugia copped a yellow card, which means he'll be out next week as it was his fourth. However, Melita had two star midfielders on the bench today, John Stoddart (who has had a hamstring injury) and Mike Berry (one of the many flu victims).

Dalgleish doesn't want to overwork Stoddart, as he wants to keep him in reserve for the St George match and the final four series.

POLONIA — RIVERWOOD 3-1

Lemanczyk, Galas, A.Budini — **Savor**

Riverwood turned in a more enterprising performance to their previous few efforts against Polonia, despite going down 3-1.

Polonia were on top in the first half, but started to show tiredness in the second half after a hard game on Saturday in Monaro, and Riverwood took control, until the final 10 minutes when Polonia came back again.

Centre-forward Stan Lemanczyk opened the scoring in the sixth minute with a header, and Tony Galas got the second in the 21st minute when he smashed home a free-kick from outside the penalty area.

Twenty minutes into the second half, Wally Savor pulled one back for Riverwood, but Anito Budini put Polonia further ahead in the very last minute of play.

Galas, goalkeeper Ziggy Kalinowski and right-back Karl Isherwood did well for Polonia, while Riverwood's best player was Andy Tracey.

Riverwood coach, Atti Abonyi, was pleased with the performance, particularly as he fielded half-a-dozen teenagers.

"We played some good intelligent football. We were right into the game, and in the second half we were pushing forward even though we were one short at the back after Alan O'Donovan was sent off.

"It was encouraging as it was one of our better games in the last three or four weeks. I was pleased with the young players, particularly Clive Beardow, who came up from second grade, who was impressive, and Ian Rydstrand," Abonyi said.

MONARO — POLONIA 2-2

Heywood, Noble — **Lemanczyk, Crawford og**

A controversial penalty decision in the 75th minute brought Monaro back into the game against Polonia in a deferred match played on Saturday.

Polonia claim the offence (hand-ball) occurred one metre outside the penalty area.

Then when the penalty was taken, by Bobby Noble, it was saved by goalkeeper Ziggy Kalinowski. But the referee ruled that Kalinowski had moved before the kick was taken. Polonia claim he never moved his feet, just his body — which is quite legal. Noble made no mistake from the second kick.

Monaro had opened well, and called for two brilliant saves from Kalinowski. Ian Heywood scored the first goal which was quite a superb effort.
midfielder Aldo Charles.

Five minutes later, big Polonia sweeper Tony Galas beat two defenders and got to the far post, where he crossed back into the goal where Stan Lemanczyk headed home.

Polonia were showing excellent ball control at this time, and forced another goal in the 32nd minute when Monaro's Gerald Crawford put the ball through his own net.

Monaro were more determined in the second half, but they were reduced to 10 men when Joe Arquero was sent off.

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
1	CROATIA	N	3:1	3:1	1:0	3:1	4:2	6:0	2:0	5:2	4:1		8:1		3:0
2	RIVERWOOD	0:1	S	0:4		3:0	0:1	3:2	1:2	3:2		0:2			2:3
3	MELITA	1:3	3:0	W	3:0	1:1	2:1	3:1	2:1		0:0		3:1	4:0	8:0
4	SUTHERLAND	0:3	0:0	0:1	S	0:0	1:0	0:0		4:1		0:1	2:0	2:1	2:0
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7	NORTH SYDNEY	1:2	3:1	1:4	0:1	1:0		T	2:0	0:4	1:0	3:4	1:2	2:2	2:1
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9	POLONIA	0:0	3:1	0:1		1:0		2:1	1:0	L	1:0	0:0	1:1	2:1	2:0
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11	ST GEORGE	1:1		2:0		6:1	3:0	4:1	7:0	6:0	3:0	A	4:1	1:0	4:0
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SPOTLIGHT ON STATES

CROATIA SYDNEY: BACK ROW (L to R): Brian Parker, Nelio Borges, Bobby Pagano, Ian Barker, Kevin Coleman, Marijan Kovacic, Kevin Dobson, Bruno Vidaic, Peter Hensman, Matt Lavar (secretary), Tony Topic (president).
FRONT ROW: Bill Czolnowski, Tom Steven, Marcos Silva, Alex Kovacic, Steve Watson, Lee Sterry, Hilton Silva.
ABSENT: Velimir Dudaric, Domagoj Kapitanovic (coach).

CROATIA FAVOURITES AGAINST SAINTS

By Brad Earl

Two weeks ago, St George would have been clear favourites to defeat Croatia and take a three-point lead at the top of the NSW State League.

Now it looks like Croatia may start slight favourites.

They'll be riding on the crest of a wave after two excellent five-goal team performances, while St George will have to pick up the pieces from a poor 1-0 win over bottom-placed Bankstown.

Croatia's forward line is firing on all cylinders, while St George seem to have placed too much emphasis on Dez Marton, Barry Walker and Ernie Campbell (only one of whom is usually selected alongside Marton) have been sadly out of goal-touch in recent months, although both go through a lot of lead-up work.

The midfields of both sides are very comparable, with Saints' just having the edge now Mark Barton is back alongside John Davies, Peter Stone and Villy Kanacki.

Croatia pushed Kevin Coleman from centre-back into his usual midfield position on Sunday, with Nelio Borges moving to centre-forward in the absence of Marcos Silva. Kevin Dobson came back to centre-back.

Silva should be back on Sunday, so someone will have to sit it out.

Either way, there'll be no doubting the strength of Croatia's reserves, with Brian Parker, Bill Czolnowski and promising young goalkeeper Ian Barker all very good players.

St George also have a capable bench — keeper Don Smith, one forward (either Walker or Campbell), utility player Jimmy Tuntevski (who has missed most of the season with a broken collarbone), and perhaps the reliable Howard Hadley.

Dennis Duarte may also be back to fight for a place in the side, but he'll have trouble forcing David Skeen out.

Saints coach Frank Arok labels Skeen as one of the best "policemen" in his squad.

The match should draw a very big crowd, particularly as it will go a long way to deciding the 1981 Premiers (so long as it's not a drawn match).

I'd go as far as to say that it's the match of the year in Sydney, regardless of leagues.

As to the result — well I have no intention of committing myself!

Croatia may be riding high, but that provides the challenge which brings out the very best in St George.

FOOTNOTE: After this game, both teams have three matches to go. St George: Riverwood (home), Melita (away), Sutherland (home), Croatia: Monaro (away), Bankstown (home), Parramatta (away).

MARK BARTON

"NO GOAL" RULING UPSET NORTHS

NTH SYDNEY — SUTHERLAND 0-1

Meades

By John Economos

Sutherland further consolidated its position in the top four of the State League by beating North Sydney by the single goal.

The first half ended scoreless, but North Sydney seemed to have Sutherland's measure by controlling the midfield.

North Sydney in fact could be considered unlucky as in the 34th minute it looked as if their striker Tony Wilson scored with his header, but referee Brian Fowler ruled that the ball had hit the side netting.

Later it was found that the net had a hole in it. North Sydney were adamant after the match that the ball entered the goal from the correct side of the post.

The second half saw Sutherland tighten up and gradually regain control of the midfield. In the 63rd minute, the Sharks were rewarded when Peter Beggs knocked a top ball out wide on the right for Tony Bush, who beat the defence nicely before lobbing in a fine cross into the six-yard box, where Steve Meades eagerly slotted home.

Previously, fine shots from Brandt Cashman and Peter Beggs were efficiently saved by North Sydney's young, ever-improving 16-year-old goalkeeper, Paul Katsavedis, who was North Sydney's best performer.

Once in front, Sutherland were determined to stay there and some fine work came from Craig Rogers and Tony Bush.

Sutherland's coach, Johnny Watkiss, was reasonably satisfied with his team's performance but quite content with both competition points.

NSW SHOTS

Polonia — and Australian Soccer — may lose the Polish international goalkeeper, Ziggy Kalinowski, at the end of the year. He was signed, along with three other Polish imports, earlier this year for two seasons, but one of the conditions of the contracts were that the players' wives and families should join them in Australia.

Tony Galas, Ziggy Garlowski and Henry Sobczyk's wives and children all arrived two weeks ago, but apparently Kalinowski's wife does not want to upset their three children's education by moving to Australia, and so Kalinowski could return to Poland at the end of this season.

He is a top goalkeeper, and was second-choice to Jan Tomaszewski in the great 1974 Polish team. He played 18 full internationals and 36 Under 23 matches for Poland, which is a great record.

Already this season, PSL clubs have expressed interest in him, according to Polonia officials.

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Melita Eagles are apparently interested in Bankstown's young midfielder, Greg King (presently injured).

Melita coach Vic Dalgleish said that the club is interested in any good young player, but it was too early to mention any possible signings for 1982.

King is a very promising player who spent a few months with Birmingham City in England earlier this year.

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Billy Griffiths aggravated his knee ligament injury at training last week just as it looked like he was getting over the injury, and now the St George midfielder will be out for at least another three or four weeks.

Manly's young English midfielder, Peter Falconer, also aggravated a bad thigh injury that he has been carrying this season.

NSW STATE LEAGUE STARS IN PROFILE

WITH BRAD EARL

TERRY GREEDY

MELITA EAGLES

Position: Goalkeeper.
Birthplace: Lismore, NSW.
Date of birth: August 27th, 1955.
Nationality: Australian.
Occupation: School teacher.
Married: Yes.
Children: No (one on the way).

Career background: I played all my junior Soccer in Lismore. When I was transferred to Sydney as a teacher, I tried out with Bankstown, and I was there for two seasons; then I transferred to Melita, and I'm in my second year there.

Honours: I represented North Coast and I was selected for Northern NSW right through the juniors.

Biggest thrill in the game: Winning the Premiership last year with Melita.

Biggest disappointment: Probably so many players from last year leaving Melita and the championship squad breaking up. The squad should have been kept intact with a few additions. Also going so badly in the final four last year.

Ambition: To play PSL, win another championship, and just enjoy Soccer — that's the main thing.

Opinion of the State League: There's a big difference between the top and the bottom teams. Only four or five clubs give you a hard game. The rest are also-rans really. St George and Croatia are very strong this year.

Best other State League team: St George, easily.

Best State League players: Neil Williams from Canterbury and Johnny Stoddart.

Will you stay in the game when you've finished playing, and in what capacity: No, I'll probably be a spectator. I enjoy coaching junior sides at school, but I don't think I'd both with the senior side — too many headaches.

SPOTLIGHT ON STATES

Victoria

Greg Blake

Green Gully Ajax took one step further in quest of their first Victorian State League championship following last weekend's round 16 matches.

Ajax cruised to an effortless 2-0 victory away against Ringwood at Jubilee Park.

Kit Greechan and big full-back Peter Lewis had Ajax 2-0 ahead after only 13 minutes and Ringwood, however determined, rarely looked like they could ever make a game out of it.

Essendon Croatia have seemingly made it all but a virtual two-man race for the title this season after creating their own bit of history this season.

On Sunday they ended Doveton's record-breaking 15-match undefeated run.

It is Doveton's first-ever season in the State League and until Sunday had drawn 11 and won four of their 15 matches.

Essendon, although not convincing and not comprehensive, brought the Doves back to earth with a 2-0 victory.

Keith Adams opened the scoring with a penalty and Noel Mitten made his way into double figures on the goal-scoring charts with his tenth of the season finding the back of an opposition net.

This has made Doveton's position in the top four a little precarious and has also destroyed the myth of Doveton's 'invincibility' which was beginning to build as they continued without a loss.

The team on their hammer at this stage is George Cross.

They struggled a little against a determined Juventus at John Cain Reserve but a penalty, succinctly taken by Bobby Toal, was enough to ensure them full points.

They lie within a single point of Doveton in fourth place.

Croydon City, or more precisely their dynamic duo, of Ian and Peter Loughnane, were once again on hand to help Croydon recover from their mid-season flat spot.

Joining forces in attack for the first time since their sending off a few weeks back the pair shared all of Croydon's three goals in their 3-0 home win over Northcote City.

However, Peter, usually the understudy, stole a little of his brother's thunder with two whilst Ian had to content himself with his 12th of the season.

Hakoah continued their improved results of recent weeks by holding Frankston, the latter in a desperate fight to stay clear of the bottom two teams, by holding them to a 0-0 draw.

In the other game of the round it was Sunshine City, in their first outing under newly-appointed coach, Dave O'Connor (ex-Richmond, Preston and Canberra), who flexed their muscles for the first time for many weeks and re-asserted themselves as top four candidates with a rousing 3-1 win at Altona.

Norrie Pate returned to the score sheet with two and midfielder, Roger Bain, added the third with Billy Whyte replying for the wooden spooners apparent.

Next week's round promises to be one of the best of the season, and is sure to answer quite a few questions about the pacemakers, as all six top sides meet each other.

Green Gully (1st) play Hakoah (6th), George Cross (5th) play Essendon (2nd) and, in what should be the match of the round, Croydon (3rd) play Doveton (4th) at Croydon Park.

RESULTS: Altona City 1 Sunshine City 3; Croydon City 3 Northcote City 0; Frankston City 0 Hakoah St Kilda 0; Essendon Croatia 2 Doveton 0; Juventus 0 George Cross 1; Ringwood City 0 Green Gully Ajax 2.

TOP SCORERS: 13 Egan (Fr); 12 McLeod (GG), I Loughnane (Cr); 10 Mitten (Ess), Toal (GC), 9 Inness (Alt), French (Hak), Pate (Sun); 8 Sahinidis (Nth), 7 Sinclair (Ring), Greechan (GG).

KEITH ADAMS . . . GOAL FOR CROATIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Green Gully	16	11	2	3	30	8	24
Essendon	16	8	6	2	28	13	22
Croydon	16	7	6	3	28	19	20
Doveton	16	4	11	1	19	15	19
George Cross	16	8	2	6	25	17	18
Hakoah	16	5	7	4	20	22	17
Sunshine	16	6	3	7	25	26	15
Northcote	16	5	4	7	25	38	14
Frankston	16	5	3	8	22	24	13
Ringwood	16	4	3	9	22	35	11
Juventus	16	4	3	9	14	28	11
Altona	16	2	4	10	18	34	8

ROUND 17 PREVIEW

It's time for the acid test for George Cross as the end of the Victorian State League season looms ever closer.

Georgie, almost unexpectedly, are holding tenaciously to their dreams of a final four berth after having started the season with their sights set on little more than a place in the State League next year.

Clearly though, both the players old and new and coach Jim Adam were not as easily pleased.

Even Adam is a little suprised at how well his charges have fared to this stage in 1981.

But he also concedes his side, despite their spirited showing, are not yet in the class of the big guns Essendon Croatia and Green Gully.

A week after climbing into the four for the first time this season three weeks back, at the expense of Croydon, Georgie faced Green Gully to hold their place.

It was a slaughter as Georgie went down 0-2 and it could have been two or three more.

Ajax's patient and selective team building had proved too much for the courageous but basically 'thrown together' Georgie outfit.

What a pity it is they must now face Croatia only a fortnight later in a match, they have little chance of winning.

And, in what amounts to what will be their last chance to make the four, they have to take on Croydon City next week.

At this time of the season that is a tough draw for any side.

Despite Croatia's indifferent form at times this season (something to do with five different coaches in the space of six months I suspect) they want for little in the talent department.

This always holds them in good stead when it comes to winning trophies — and the championship has not fallen into the hands of the upstarts from Green Gully.

Not yet anyway.

It was only a matter of time before David Brogan, a $7,000 signing from Croydon, would came good and put away a few goals.

He did and he is.

Noel Mitten is scoring regularly, Pat Bannon is having a fine year (ha, ha, Heidelberg), Steve Kokoska, Alan Kerr, Kenny Murphy, Steve Short and Peter Blasby are all PSL class without question and the others who fill the gaps aren't too far behind them.

Carl Gilder is also. But he must learn how to satisfy the committeemen if he wants his place in the team back.

That fearsome lot spells trouble for anyone and for Georgie, I fear, it may mean almost the end of the road for 1981 at Chaplin Reserve on Saturday.

Northcote meet Altona in a crucial relegation clash on Sunday and it will be the end for Altona should they lose.

The only way to tip Altona's match results with any success this season is with the old 'put on a blindfold, and stick a pin in the picture method'.

However I'll bank on Altona's fighting spirit to carry them onto another point.

Doveton meet Croydon in almost the match of the round but although one must lose on Sunday, and I think it may be Doveton, both deserve their billings as top sides for their efforts this season.

Their reward will be a top four place for both - no matter the result of Sunday's game at Waratah Reserve.

In other round 17 games, Green Gully should have enough to beat the enigmatic Hakoah, although a repeat of their match in May (Hakoah won 1-0) would not be beyond the realms of possibility.

At Sunshine, the home side will be in trouble against Frankston City unless it finds the form that made it a big threat earlier in the season and Ringwood, also at home, will not find the going all their way against a determined Juventus.

Northern NSW

Ian Smith

Shock results were the order of the day last weekend as the topsy-turvy table continued with its contortions.

The most stunning result opened the weekend as Weston Bears, who had strung together an unbeaten run of 12 matches, crashed to a 4-1 defeat at the hands of their tormentors, Stewarts and Lloyds.

A team full of "name" players meant nothing as first Stewart Grey and then Frank McKay racked in goals that gave Stewarts and Lloyds a comfortable 2-0 half time lead.

Worse was to come for the Bears as defender John Parkes moved forward to head home a Bill Amey free kick that gave the goalkeeper no chance.

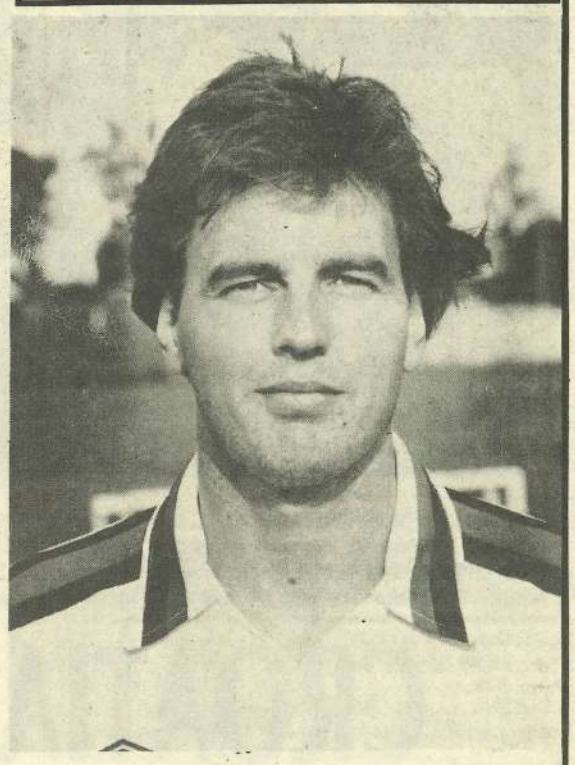
Robbie Lasance, Lloyd's keeper, had done everything right all afternoon but made his only blemish in the 61st minute when Geoff Morton blasted home Weston's only goal.

The taste of consolation lasted only seven minutes as Dave Sweeney picked up a defensive clearance just inside his own half and used his asset of speed to outstrip the defence and score beneath Bellamy.

This result must have given heart to Tamworth as they made their trip to Twin Towns on Sunday. Both teams had so much at stake in this match and the desire not to lose at all costs eventually won out as they ground to a scoreless draw. Tamworth must have had a moral victory as this was only the second point ever to be taken from Twin Towns' home ground.

Adamstown, in probably their best result of the year, took Lake Macquarie apart with goals from Werran, Mcquarrie and Grey which moved them back into striking distance for a semi final spot and saw Lake Macquarie finally slip from the top four.

Coffs Harbour made hard work of beating wooden-spooners Armidale but a Danny Cooke goal gave them both points in the match, while at Crystal Palace Wallsend, with goals from Kirby and Baber beat Belmont-Swansea, whose only reply came from Turner.



BILL AMEY

Next week's fixtures: Sunday, August 2: Tamworth v Armidale, Belmont Swansea v Twin Towns, Adamstown v Weston, Coffs Harbour v Lake Macquarie, Wallsend v Stewarts and Lloyds.

NORTHERN NSW TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Weston	14	11	1	2	40	15	23
Stew. & Lloyds	14	10	2	2	38	12	22
Tamworth	15	9	2	4	23	18	20
Twin Towns	14	7	4	3	20	16	18
Adamstown	15	7	3	5	33	22	17
Lake Macquarie	15	8	1	6	26	22	17
Coffs Harbour	15	4	3	8	22	27	11
Wallsend	13	4	2	7	13	19	10
Bel.-Swansea	15	3	—	12	18	33	6
Armidale	14	—	—	14	6	55	0

Illawarra

Phil Murphy

A missed penalty by striker, Steve Quirk, in Saturday's 1-1 draw with Corrimal could eventually cost his team Coniston the Illawarra Premier League title.

A win would have given Coniston a valuable one point lead but the missed penalty and an in-form Corrimal goalkeeper, Warwick Young, denied them.

Young, the son of former international Bob Young and brother of rugby league star Craig, was in outstanding form.

Two saves in particular in the second half from Quirk and Phil Matias were top class efforts.

Coniston made Young's job a lot easier in a scoreless first half with some woeful finishing.

Matias missed a "sitter" when he shot over from five metres with the goal at his mercy.

The penalty came after 30 minutes when Ron Van Der Voorde was flattened in a combined tackle by Dave Mollinson and Ian Funnell.

The usually reliable Quirk blazed his spot kick too high and this left his team mates in a state of frustration.

Corrimal went ahead against the run of play eight minutes into the second half.

Graeme Funnell hit home a neat goal after Coniston failed to handle a long-range free kick from Mick Murray.

Just when it seemed Corrimal would sneak off with both points Coniston drew level in the 86th minute.

Van Der Voorde put the ball across from the right wing and replacement, Ian Cirson, did the rest from point-blank range.

Even then, Young managed to get his fingers to the original cross but couldn't hold onto the ball.

Coniston now have gone 11 games without defeat and share the lead with Shellharbour on 23 points.

John Bingham, Phil Mowbray and Ian Bradburn got the goals in Shellharbour's 3-0 away win over Oak Flats.

Fernhill lost valuable ground again when beaten away 2-0 by Berkeley.

The consisten Jim Wright scored both Berkeley goals and the side shares second place with Corrimal on 22.

In fifth place a point further back, come Fernhill so the championship is still wide open with five games to play.

In lower grades there is no problem sorting out the likely winners.

West-Victory are eight points clear in first division after disposing of nearest challengers, Russell Vale 2-1 at the weekend.

In second division Aris rattled up nine goals against Coledale and have that title all sewn up.

SPOTLIGHT ON STATES

Southern NSW

Steve Burns

Macedonia Queanbeyan proved, yet again, that when it comes to putting its skills against the best in the area it can, all things being slightly in its favour, hold off even the strongest of challenges.

In round 14 of the NSW Southern League premiership, luck was definitely on the side of Macedonia Queanbeyan even before it took to the field.

News that Croatia Deakin's dynamic midfielder, George Bailey, was suspended for a week, after amassing 12 penalty points, couldn't have come at a better time for the ACT's nearest inter-State rival.

Bailey's playmaking ability was obviously missed by Croatia Deakin, who only just managed to hold off Macedonia's challenge to record a 2-2 draw.

In an exciting and skilful encounter, Macedonia Queanbeyan took the lead through Kosta Talevski, lost it to Croatia Deakin when young Tim Andrakovic netted twice, and then levelled 10 minutes from time with a goal from Andrua Zakovski.

While Macedonia Queanbeyan and Croatia Deakin were thrilling a larger than normal crowd on the south side of the national capital, Downer Olympic and Belconnen United were having a heyday on the north side.

Downer Olympic played all over Kooringal Lions to return a 5-0 win and Belconnen United romped home 8-0 against Goulburn Workers.

Oscar Langone netted twice for Olympic, with Ian Murray, Chris Tansey and Phil Redmond, the day's unluckiest striker, scoring once.

For Belconnen United, midfielder-cum-striker Greg Willett netted his second hat-trick in as many games, backed up by an Ivan Gruicic hat-trick and lone goals by Geoff Baxter and substitute Perrie Jolly.

Down in Griffith, West Woden Juventus, aided by a Leo Kennedy penalty and an Ernie Johns goal, grabbed two points from Yoogali in a game that, according to reports, was poorly controlled by the referee.

Albury Hotspurs drew level again with Macedonia Queanbeyan in equal fifth, after scoring three against Cootamundra; Hanwood, in Wagga, climbed a couple of rungs on the ladder after defeating Wagga United, 3-0.

As a result of the weekend's games, the top four became a little more crowded with joint second-placed West Woden Juventus and Downer Olympic, equal in points and goal differences, moving one point closer to the, as yet, undefeated Croatia Deakin.

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In the ACT Soccer Federation Football League first grade premiership struggle, the top eight places were finalised, with ANU and RMC both failing to make the grade at the death.

Needing a win to remain in the top eight, ANU fell 2-1 to premiership leader Luso SC, while RMC was outplayed by Downer Olympic to the tune of 3-1, with two goals from George Campbell and one from Angelo Veloudis.

Belconnen United and Downer Olympic were both in with a chance prior to their respective games, and both qualified, with Belconnen United coming good in the final quarter of its game against Weston Creek to win 3-1, and Olympic qualifying after defeating RMC.

The league is now split into a top eight, who will play for final premiership honours, and a bottom six relegation group.

At the top end, Luso SC, Kambah United (who suffered its second defeat of the season in as many games), Narrabundah SC, Canberra United, Polonia White Eagles, West Woden Juventus, Belconnen United and Downer Olympic will vie for a spot in the Ampol Cup series.

At the bottom end, ANU, RMC, Croatia Deakin, Canberra North, Weston Creek and Concordia Phillip will play with the intention of keeping away from relegation, as well as what would otherwise have been second division premiership honours.

While the style of this competition is unprecedented in ACT Football League first grade competition, there isn't a coach or player at that level that hasn't praised the 1981 competition as the best yet.

The consensus of opinion is that it has provided an incentive to succeed that hasn't been as strong in previous years.

Maybe others should try it!

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In the amateur Canberra League, the league's only non-ACT club, Cooma, upset predictions last weekend when it defeated the much fancied ACT club, International, 2-0, to remain number one in the league's first division.

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While over 30 of the ACT's best 14-year-old players have already accepted invitations to enrol with the recently formed ACT Academy of Soccer, and have also experienced their first training sessions and a weekend camp, controversy continues, as so often happens over any new idea.

Both senior and junior leagues are firing broadsides at the ACTSF executive for authorising the academy without first obtaining their agreement.

The controversy is all the more amazing in the light of the fact that the idea, when first submitted, was referred to the leagues via their chairmen for comments.

When no comments, for or against, were received after two months, the executive gave the green light to the project.

Only since then have questions been asked and a few insinuations been made. It would appear that, like most topics referred to committees and the like, it was expected the ACT Academy of Soccer idea would fade into the background.

It didn't. It's started, and now everyone and his dog is having his or her say — mostly from a fear of the unknown.

Of course, if the controversy has resulted from a fear of the unknown then the ACTSF executive has only itself to blame — for failing to launch the academy concept as a well-planned public relations exercise.

Meanwhile the possibility of being invited to apply for enrolment in the ACT Academy of Soccer is already enthusing many juniors to brush up on their skills.

Premiership tables as at 19.7.81:

NSW SOUTHERN LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Croatia Deakin	13	11	2	0	59	9	24
West Woden Juventus	12	9	2	1	42	11	20
Downer Olympic	12	9	2	1	40	9	20
Belconnen United	12	9	1	2	36	12	19
Albury Hotspurs	12	7	1	4	29	18	15
Macedonia Queanbeyan	13	5	5	3	30	19	15
Hanwood	13	4	3	6	27	30	11
Kooringal Lions	13	5	0	8	26	28	10
Yoogali	13	2	3	8	21	31	7
Wagga United	13	1	2	10	13	49	4
Goulburn Workers	13	2	0	11	11	62	4
Cootamundra	13	0	3	10	12	68	3

ACTSF FOOTBALL LEAGUE — FIRST GRADE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Luso SC	13	11	1	1	32	12	23
Kambah United	13	8	3	2	35	15	19
Narrabundah SC	13	7	4	2	35	21	18
Canberra United	13	7	3	3	32	18	17
Polonia White Eagles	13	6	4	3	31	19	16
West Woden Juventus	13	7	2	4	30	21	16
Belconnen United	13	5	2	6	24	29	12
Downer Olympic	13	5	2	6	21	26	12
ANU	13	3	5	5	12	15	11
RMC	13	5	1	7	15	23	11
Croatia Deakin	13	3	4	6	19	25	10
Canberra North	13	3	2	8	14	27	8
Weston Creek	13	2	3	8	18	30	7
Concordia Phillip	13	0	2	11	11	48	2

AMPOL LEADING GOALSCORERS: 17 - H.Muench (Kambah); 11 - J.Exposito (Narrabundah); 8 - K.Doubleday (Polonia), N.Spaletta (Luso), E.Danhel, J.Clarke (Belconnen), A.Stoyadinovic, S.Aleksic (Canberra U).

Queensland

Wally Bruce

Queensland's Ampol Cup Final line-up is still incomplete after a controversial semi-final between Capricornia and Grange Thistle in Rockhampton.

The score was 0-0 at the end of the normal 90 minutes and 1-1 after 30 minutes extra-time.

Although Rockhampton officials apparently were keen to have the result finalised on the night, the rules state clearly that a replay is necessary.

Referee Col Amos again found himself surrounded by controversy when he followed up his previous feat the round before of sending off two players from one team.

Thistle were the team to suffer this time, losing Ricki Mangan in the 47th minute and Patrick Leatham shortly after.

Even though they played for the rest of the game with only nine men, Thistle took the lead in extra-time with a goal from midfielder Ross Swan.

Then to cap the irony for Thistle, Swan's brother Kenny, who is playing on loan with Capricornia this season, stole the equaliser for the Rockhampton side.

The Federation has to announce a date for the semi-final replay.

There was at least a result in the other semi-final in Bundaberg, but it was also tinged with controversy, and this time three players were sent off.

Ipswich United led 1-0 with only five minutes left, with a goal from Byran Kathage, but Waves came from the blue to snatch two goals and a Cup Final berth.

The men responsible were both defenders, Elio Marcon and Peter Tokesi.

So Ipswich find themselves on the Cup outer for the first time since 1979, after winning that year and reaching the final last season.

The first Waves player ordered off was central defender Brian Kibbey, who retaliated after a tackle by Ipswich defender Jeff Dan, with 25 minutes remaining.

Then with 15 minutes left, referee Alan Kibler dismissed waves' Graham Young and Ipswich's Jon Kitching, after the pair traded blows.

Capricornia 1 (K. Swan) drew with Grange Thistle 1 (R. Swan), after extra-time. Match to be replayed.

Across the Waves 2 (Tokesi, Marcon) beat Ipswich United 1 (Kathage).

BRIAN KIBBEY, EX-BRISBANE CITY, NOW WITH BUNDABERG

Sth Australia

Tom McKain

South Australia is battling to retain group C for the World Youth championship finals — because the Hindmarsh Stadium lights are not up to world standard.

There is a very real possibility that the matches involving Spain, Mexico, Egypt and West Germany would be taken from Adelaide.

S.A. Federation president, Mr Alex Hastings, was due to have talks with the local Channel 10 station after being informed by Sydney's 10 that the lights were not good enough.

"We informed them that an expert from Philips had been called in and we were prepared to spend $30,000 to update the lights on his recommendation," said Mr Hastings.

"However, I was informed by 10 that this would not be good enough, and two new towers were also needed.

"The simple facts are that we just don't have the cash, and have already borrowed from the State Government to update the dressing rooms and Press facilities."

Night games, including Socceroo matches, have been telecast successfully from Hindmarsh, but only inside Australia.

FIFA is demanding everything be first class for the finals, which will be beamed all round the world.

All the games in Adelaide are at night, apart from the play-off for third place on Saturday afternoon, October 17, at 3 pm.

Work has already started at Hindmarsh on the dressing rooms.

• Things have gone quiet on the proposal to try and introduce a "national league" for State League clubs.

But the whisper now is that some officials would back a Top Four competition at the end of the season between Melbourne and Adelaide clubs.

There is only a chance of it happening this season, but it could be a goer for sure in 1982.

• Just in case it went un-noticed — Windsor got their first win in Second Division for 1981 the other week.

They beat Lion 1-0, and the goalscorer was a player called Muff — and we can't resist saying it's just as well he didn't live up to his name.

Windsor now have six points, the other four coming from draws.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Azzurri	15	12	1	2	42	10	25
Polonia	15	9	2	4	25	20	20
Beograd	15	8	3	4	29	20	19
Croatia	15	7	3	5	16	20	17
Para Hills	15	5	4	6	24	22	14
Campbelltown	15	5	3	7	14	15	13
Port	15	4	4	7	14	22	12
Cumberland	15	4	3	8	14	22	11
Elizabeth	15	2	6	7	9	28	10
Noarlunga	15	2	5	8	12	20	9

A cautious Azzurri are delaying celebrating their first South Australian first division League title until Saturday.

Last week they shattered contenders Beograd 3-0, but on paper Polonia, now second, could still lift the crown.

With three rounds to go Azzurri is on 25 points, with Polonia sitting on 20 and Beograd 19.

So if Azzurri fail against Noarlunga, Croatia and Para Hills, and Polonia beat Campbelltown, Port Adelaide and Elizabeth, the title will go to Polonia.

But it should be wrapped up in Azzurri blue bunting this weekend when they are again at home to bottom team Noarlunga, now in danger of being sent straight back to second division after only one season in the top league.

Noarlunga were dumped 2-0 at home by Polonia last week, and the relegation battle is now between Noarlunga (9 points), Elizabeth (10), Cumberland (12) and possibly Port, also on 12.

Elizabeth got off the bottom last week with a 0-0 draw against top four cup candidate, Croatia, who are still clinging to fourth place.

Cumberland breathed again when they held Campbelltown 0-0 at home, but the visitors had counted on two points to take them nearer the Coca Cola Top Four Cup, currently held by Para Hills (5th).

The latter scrambled to a 1-0 home win against Port, but are struggling to make the four to defend the trophy they won under coach, Frank Schaper, now leading Azzurri's charge for the title.

Beograd and Croatia clash in the top four battle this weekend, relegation-possibles Port and Cumberland meat at the former's ground, and Campbelltown will make an effort to get back into the top four race when they take on Polonia at Newton Sports Field.

Elizabeth get a chance at home to grab another vital point, at least, when they meet Para Hills in a Northern District derby.

The only certainty seems to be a win for Azzurri over Noarlunga.

The leaders got their three goals against Beograd last week with an extraordinary six-minute burst which seemed to indicate that nothing can stop them taking the title.

On the usual quagmire at Adey Reserve, Beograd had played some good first half Soccer, as did the home team, without producing any goals.

Into the second period and Chris Harwood, Beograd's centre back, lofted a pass-back to goalkeeper, George Flecknor, only to see it beat him and plop into the net.

That was in the 50th minute. In the 53rd Wally Bojczuk, the League's top scorer, got his 16th goal when he raced in from the right, and in the 52nd minute it was winger, Paul Iannace, who got in front of the goal to poke the ball in as he watched it take a deflection off a defender to clinch the match — and probably the title.

TOP UK JOB FOR TOWNSVILLE COACH

By Wally Bruce

Tim White, sacked as coach of Townsville United in the Queensland State League, has accepted a plum job with Leeds United in the English first division.

White, who was the foundation coach of Townsville in the League in 1979, has been appointed manager of the Leeds Youth team at Elland Road, where he will work in conjunction with Allan Clarke.

It was White who was responsible for bringing Clarke to Townsville last month, where he made one appearance in the League.

Contact with Clarke actually was made through Newcastle's Paul Reaney.

"Paul said there was a chance of getting players like Gordon McQueen or Trevor Cherry to come to Townsville, but I felt Clarke had more to offer," White said.

It has turned out to be the best decision of his life.

"I knew there was a vacancy in the coaching staff at Leeds and Clarke had four weeks in which to observe my methods, particularly under conditions of stress as I was sacked midway through his stay," White added.

"But I was still shocked and delighted when he told me he wanted me for the job.

"I did not really want to leave Australia but this is obviously too good a job to knock back. My family and I will be off some time in September."

White emigrated to Melbourne in 1975, obtained his senior badge in the first course conducted by the Rothmans Foundation and had a stint coaching Springvale City, before coming north, when employed by the Queensland Soccer Federation as North Queensland coaching director.

Tim White

The QSF, who had high praise for White's work in the north, has released him from his contract.

White is still deeply disappointed over his sacking from Townsville.

"The club was aiming at Philips League in 1983 and also wanted to win this year's State League. It was almost impossible to fulfil those two aims concurrently.

"It was a bitter blow to my pride as I felt I had worked hard to build a team and a club. Unfortunately it was a case of successful businessmen interferring in matters they did not fully understand," White said.

THE PRESTO SOCCER QUIZ

How would you like to win a great Presto prize ?

Just answer the simple questions in A.S.W.'s PRESTO SOCCER QUIZ and send them on a sheet of paper to AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY, PRESTO QUIZ, 261 Broadway, NSW 2007. Please state your preference — either a leg of Presto ham or five kilos of Presto smallgoods.

All entries have to be in this office by Monday. The first correct entry opened will be the winner.

Here are the answers to last week's Presto Quiz:-

1.Greg Woodhouse. 2.True. 3.England. 4.Edinburgh. 5.True. 6.No.

The winner was:

Tony Daley c/o Oxford Gym, corner Riley and Goulbourn Streets, Darlinghurst, NSW 2010. Mr Daley selected a leg of Presto ham. Now try this week's Presto Quiz:-

1. *What was the result of Sunday's Fiji v Australia match ?*
2. *Which English club is the holder of the European Cup ?*
3. *Has Theo Selemidis ever played for Australia ?*
4. *Did St George play in the Philips League in 1980 ?*
5. *What country represented Asia in the 1978 World Cup ?*
6. *Who is player-coach of Preston Rams ?*

The winner's name and address will be in next week's AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY.

PRESTO
MEAT & SMALLGOODS

GET YOUR POOLS IN...

With DEBORAH

VICTORIA DIVISION ONE

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
MARIBYRNONG	18	7	2	0	26	6	6	0	3	18	11	28
WESTERN	18	6	2	0	24	12	4	2	4	21	17	24
ALBION ROVERS	18	7	0	2	21	8	3	4	2	16	15	24
BOX HILL	18	6	0	3	23	12	3	3	3	11	15	21
RICHMOND	18	5	1	4	16	10	3	2	3	10	9	19
KEW PARK	18	2	6	2	8	6	2	3	3	7	11	17
KEILOR	18	4	1	4	15	16	3	2	4	12	16	17
ALTONA GATE	18	3	3	2	9	6	3	2	5	8	17	17
PRAHRAN	18	3	2	4	11	13	1	4	4	6	18	14
MORWELL	18	1	5	3	8	14	3	0	6	13	17	13
KNOX CITY	18	4	0	5	16	23	1	2	6	8	19	12
MORELAND	18	2	2	5	13		2	0	7	6	25	10

VICTORIA DIVISION TWO

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
FAWKNER	18	6	2	1	26	12	4	3	2	16	11	25
DONCASTER	18	6	3	1	21	9	2	3	3	13	12	22
FRANKSTON PINES	18	3	3	3	11	12	5	2	2	13	7	21
MELBOURNE	18	5	1	3	14	13	3	3	3	12	12	20
FOOTSCRAY	17	2	3	4	8	15	5	2	1	17	9	19
PRESTON	18	4	2	2	16	11	4	1	5	13	18	19
SPRINGVALE	18	3	3	3	17	15	3	2	4	13	16	17
STH MELBOURNE	18	6	0	4	15	12	1	1	6	10	18	15
DANDENONG	17	3	2	3	10	13	3	1	5	10	16	15
WAVERLEY	18	4	0	4	12	11	1	4	5	9	18	14
ARDEER	18	2	4	3	9	13	2	2	5	7	15	14
HEIDELBERG U.	18	2	2	3	10	14	3	1	5	17	17	13

VICTORIA DIVISION THREE

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
RINGWOOD U.	18	6	2	0	15	4	6	3	1	14	9	29
BELL PARK	18	5	2	2	19	11	4	5	0	18	10	25
ST ALBANS	18	4	3	2	16	14	5	1	3	15	16	22
BROADMEADOWS	18	5	3	1	20	14	2	4	3	14	13	21
PT MELBOURNE	18	6	1	3	23	15	2	3	3	8	11	20
WERRIBEE	18	6	1	3	18	12	2	2	4	11	17	19
HEIDELBERG	18	4	2	3	19	13	3	2	4	17	21	18
PRAHRAN CITY	18	4	1	4	12	15	3	1	5	14	14	16
CORIO	18	2	4	3	14	15	3	1	5	15	18	15
COBURG	18	1	4	3	10	13	2	2	6	9	18	12
YALLOURN	18	2	2	5	14	15	2	1	6	14	23	11
ELTHAM	18	3	1	5	12	18	0	1	8	10	22	8

VICTORIA DIVISION FOUR

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
MORNINGTON	18	7	2	0	28	8	6	2	1	19	12	30
NUNAWADING	18	6	2	0	26	4	6	1	3	27	14	27
ROYAL PARK	17	8	1	0	23	5	4	2	2	13	13	27
SUNBURY U.	18	8	0	2	21	7	3	4	1	12	7	26
BRIGHTON	18	4	3	1	13	8	4	3	3	19	13	22
NTH DANDENONG	17	1	7	1	8	7	4	2	2	12	9	19
KEYSBORO	18	3	0	6	10	18	4	2	3	11	7	16
MOORABBIN	18	1	4	4	11	17	2	3	4	8	13	13
MONASH	18	1	3	5	9	17	3	2	4	13	20	13
SANDRINGHAM	18	1	2	6	12	20	2	2	5	10	19	10
FERNTREE	18	2	1	6	10	19	1	3	5	6	18	10
CHELSEA	18	0	1	8	8	27	0	0	9	7	34	1

SOUTH AUSTRALIA DIVISION TWO

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
WEST TORRENS	17	6	2	1	25	9	5	2	1	18	7	26
WEST ADELAIDE	17	4	4	1	16	8	5	2	1	17	8	24
ADELAIDE CITY	17	4	2	2	15	11	6	1	2	17	11	23
BRIGHTON CITY	17	5	1	2	20	11	2	3	4	14	18	18
WESTFIELDS	17	3	2	4	14	20	4	2	2	17	10	18
WHYALLA	17	3	2	4	15	20	4	2	2	17	13	18
VICTORIA	17	3	2	4	13	13	4	1	3	9	9	17
MODBURY	17	2	0	6	8	15	4	3	2	17	10	15
LION	17	3	2	3	13	15	2	2	5	12	16	14
SALISBURY	17	1	4	4	6	11	3	1	4	13	13	13
STURT	17	2	2	4	9	17	1	4	4	11	21	12
WINDSOR	17	1	2	5	7	23	0	2	7	11	25	6

QUEENSLAND DIVISION ONE

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
TRIDENT	18	6	2	1	27	8	6	1	2	22	13	27
MITCHELTON	18	7	1	1	21	10	5	2	2	11	9	27
ACACIA RIDGE	18	5	1	2	10	7	5	2	3	22	13	23
COALSTARS	18	5	3	1	17	7	5	0	4	14	17	23
ANNERLEY	18	4	3	3	20	18	3	1	4	11	10	18
TARINGA	18	4	1	5	14	22	3	3	2	10	10	18
DARRA	18	5	0	3	21	14	2	3	5	16	19	17
PINE RIVERS	18	4	1	4	13	14	3	1	5	20	25	16
SALISBURY	18	3	3	3	17	16	2	1	6	6	19	14
SUNNYSIDE	18	2	4	3	13	19	1	2	6	12	19	12
OLYMPIC	18	3	1	5	10	11	1	2	6	9	18	11
SOUTHSIDE	18	4	0	5	9	15	0	2	7	8	20	10

QUEENSLAND DIVISION TWO

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
GOODNA	15	6	1	0	27	5	5	2	1	21	10	25
NORTH STAR	14	4	2	1	17	8	6	1	0	26	9	23
NEWMARKET	15	3	4	1	13	10	5	1	1	13	7	21
INDUSTRIAL	15	5	0	2	17	13	3	1	4	10	12	17
SOUTHS UTD.	14	4	2	1	19	7	2	1	4	9	13	15
REDLANDS	15	1	2	5	6	11	3	3	1	15	8	13
RIVERSIDE	15	1	2	4	7	11	3	3	2	9	10	13
INALA CITY	15	1	1	5	5	16	4	2	2	13	15	13
GAP	15	3	1	4	15	15	2	1	4	7	13	12
UNIVERSITY	14	1	0	5	7	14	3	2	3	9	18	10
REDCLIFFE	14	3	2	3	15	21	0	1	5	8	17	9
NTH. BRISBANE	15	1	2	5	11	21	0	1	6	12	27	5

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VIC.DIV.1	ALBION R.	KNOX CITY	1	1
	BOX HILL	KEILOR	2	1
	MORWELL	PRAHRAN	3	X
VIC.DIV.2	DANDENONG	FAWKNER	4	2
	FOOTSCRAY	ARDEER	5	1
	FRANKSTON P.	MELBOURNE	6	X *
	HEIDELBERG U.	SPRINGVALE	7	2
	S. MELBOURNE	DONCASTER	8	2
	WAVERLEY	PRESTON	9	2
VIC.DIV.3	COBURG	RINGWOOD U.	10	2
	CORIO	YALLOURN	11	1
	ELTHAM	BROADM'DOWS	12	2
	PRAHRAN CTY.	HEIDELBERG	13	X
	ST. ALBANS	BELL PARK	14	X *
	WERRIBEE	PT. MELBOURNE	15	1
VIC.DIV.4	BRIGHTON	NUNAWADING	16	2
	CHELSEA	SANDRINGHAM	17	2
	FERNTREE	N. DANDENONG	18	2
	KEYSBORO	MONASH	19	1
	MOORABBIN	MORNINGTON	20	2
	ROYAL PARK	SUNBURY U.	21	X *
S.A. State League	AZZURRI	NOARLUNGA U.	22	1
	BEOGRAD	CROATIA	23	X
	CAMPB'LTOWN	POLONIA	24	2
	ELIZABETH	PARA HILLS	25	2
	PT. ADELAIDE	CUMBERLAND	26	1
S.A. Div. 2	STURT	SALISBURY	27	X *
	VICTORIA	BRIGHTON CTY.	28	X *
	WESTFIELDS	ADELAIDE C.	29	2
	W. TORRENS	W. ADELAIDE	30	X *
	WHYALLA	LION	31	1
	WINDSOR	MODBURY	32	2
S.A. Div. 3	ADELAIDE A.	S.A.I.O.T.	33	1
	BLACKWOOD	STH. ADELAIDE	34	1
	NOARLUNGA C.	UNIVERSITY	35	2
Qld. Div. 1	ACACIA RIDGE	DARRA	36	1
	PINE RIVERS	TRIDENT	37	2
	SALISBURY	OLYMPIC	38	1
	SOUTHSIDE	MITCHELTON	39	2
	SUNNYSIDE	COALSTARS	40	2
	TARINGA	ANNERLEY	41	X *
Qld. Div. 2	GOODNA	INALA CITY	42	1
	INDUSTRIAL	GAP	43	1
	NORTH STAR	RIVERSIDE	44	1
	REDLANDS	NTH. BRISBANE	45	1
	SOUTHS UTD.	UNIVERSITY	46	1
Tas. St. League	BURNIE	ULVERSTONE	47	2
	DEVONPORT	BRIGHTON	48	2
	HOBART J.	GEORGETOWN	49	2
New South Wales	FAIRY MEADOW	PENRITH U.	50	1
	N. BANKSTOWN	KURINGGAI	51	2
	UNIVERSITY	BELMORE	52	X *
	CAMPB'LTOWN	MARRICKVILLE	53	2
	RIVERSTONE	QUEENS PK.	54	2
	BONDI	ARTARMON	55	2

Australian Soccer Weekly selection for Saturday's games.

(1 is a home win, 2 an away win and X a drawn game. Matches marked with asterisks are our tips for score-draws).

the Pools Results

SCORE DRAWS 3 pts: 5, 6, 11, 17, 21, 50, 54

SCORELESS DRAWS 2 pts: 19, 38, 39

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16 /	17 3	18 /	19 2	20 /	21 3	22 /	23 1½
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32 1½	33 1½	34 1½	35 /	36 /	37 /	38 2	39 2
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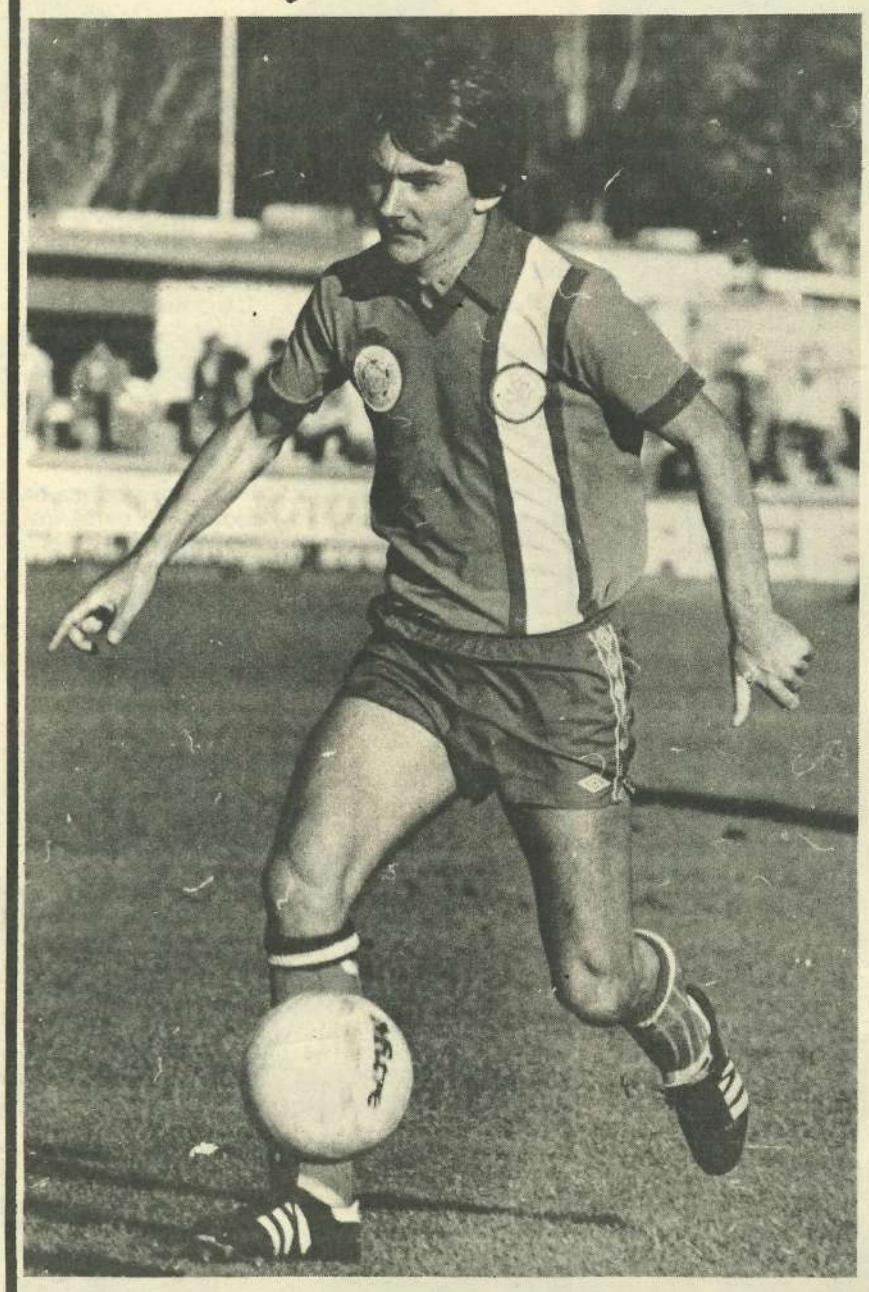
AUSTRALIAN CHIT-CHAT



ALAN NIVEN

THE WINNERS AND THE LOSERS . . .

by Keith Gilmour

For the first time ever my crystal ball admitted it was perplexed by the question I put to it.

Who will win the Philips League, and which teams will be relegated, I had asked.

The crystal went cloudy and back came the reply: "Can't you find a computer to do the job. This is 1981 you know."

That made me sure that its brain had become a bit addled, because any self-respecting crystal would know that a computer can only do what it is programmed to do.

"Garbage in, garbage out," the systems men say with disarming but senseless smiles.

But crystal balls are credited with ESP, so I put the questions one at a time in order to avoid any semblance of confusion.

It took a while, but finally a disembodied voice conceded that the Slickers were in with a chance, especially as their goal difference could turn out to be worth a point if for example South Melbourne manages to equal them on points.

It took quite a bit of palm greasing to get some sense out of the daft thing over the relegation issue.

As you might well imagine, to grease the palm of a crystal ball results in some awful smudges.

At the first run I indistinctly heard "the Hawks, plus the Rams, the Demons perhaps — the Eagles".

Unsatisfied, I produced more coin of the realm and resubmitted the question.

"Well," I said, "if Mick Jones got the Demons off the hook last year why can't Rasic do the same?"

That of course is an answer of sorts.

So if you take the tip you will know as much about the situation as my crystal ball . . .

Brisbane Lions were to have two more PSL centurions last weekend, but only one of them made it to the milestone, Jim Hermiston, who also played 20 matches for Brisbane City in 1977.

The other scheduled to make his 100th appearance against Sydney Slickers was Alan Niven, but he was on World Cup duty in Fiji with the Socceroos.

Adelaide striker Peter Kowalski, struck down by an appendix operation on the Friday before the Marconi game on July 12, could be back for the vital derby match against Giants on Sunday, August 30.

Coach Peter Jacksa does not want to rush him back, but will need his powerhouse play for the last three games — all in Adelaide — as Hawks attempt to collect maximum points from Adelaide Giants (away), Brisbane Lions and Brisbane Gladiators, with the latter two games at Hindmarsh Stadium.

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Adelaide Giants are still waiting for their new playing strips.

Hawks played in their new gear when they beat Marconi the other week, but so far Giants' secretary Mr Carmine Picarello, has had no delivery date.

Brisbane City players were a little amused to read of Adelaide Giants coach Bob D'Ottavi's comments about "biased" Queensland referees in last week's ASW.

They recall the match against the Giants in Adelaide earlier this year when Joe Palinkas scored a goal. Although there was no signal from the linesman, referee Don Campbell claimed Palinkas was offside and cancelled the goal.

Unfortunately the continued claims of southern coaches of "we wuz robbed", when their teams have so often been outplayed this season, are becoming a trifle boring.

As for the John Perin-Calvin Daunt incident, the final word has come from the Youth international's father, Russ, who said he was "disgusted" by the PSL's decision not to take the matter any further.

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David Corke's contract with Sydney Olympic was cancelled last week by mutual agreement and the player returned home to England. He has had a most disappointing career in the Philips Soccer League, having been brought to this country only this year by Tommy Docherty.

The Doc was convinced Corke would make a big impression here but, like so many other British players, Corke found the local standard higher than he expected. He made only a few appearances in Olympic's first team . . . most of them very early in the season.

David Corke's departure leaves a place open for another import, which is very important as Olympic prepares to battle against relegation.

By the way, Bruce James, the Blacktown goalkeeper, predicted on Sydney's Channel Seven "SPORTS WORLD" last Sunday that the two PSL teams who will be relegated this year are West Adelaide and . . . Sydney Olympic.

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Mick Jones, coach of Manly in the NSW Coca-Cola Bottlers State League, reckoned the referee was "very tolerant" over some rough stuff dished out by Avala at Cromer Park last Sunday.

Plenty of yellow cards were shown but no red. One Avala player, after being shown the yellow card, actually chased after the ref and tried to trip him!

Terry Seacey, the popular man from Dunlop Footwear, was invited to act as Liaison Officer for the Socceroos in Fiji. Terry said he would be happy to help out. It must have saved the hard-up Australian Soccer Federation quite a bit of cash, since Dunlop were footing the bill for Terry's trip.

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Adelaide's Giants and Hawks will have to turn on something spectacular in their Philips Cup semi-final tomorrow night, if they want the fans to support them for the rest of the season.

Not only do they meet again in the league in the third last round of the season, but they have two legs to play in their annual $5,000 Escort Cup competition.

This will be at the end of the season, with the first game at Olympic Sports Field on Sunday, September 27.

The other match was scheduled for Sunday, October 4, but the clubs have been told they cannot play any matches while the World Youth Cup finals are on.

They are now trying to arrange a mid-week night match.

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SEBASTIAN GIAMPAOLO

Baz Giampaolo, who cost Leichhardt $20,000 when he was signed from Canberra Arrows this season, is almost ready to reclaim his first team place at Lambert Park.

Giampaolo has been troubled constantly by injury since moving to Sydney but he had a full 90 minutes in Leichhardt's reserve team in the Youth League last Sunday.

After the match, Leichhardt coach Willie Wallace said: "It seems the boy came through that test without mishap, so he should certainly be all right for a place on the bench next weekend."

Wallace admitted he'd be happy to have a new face in the squad — after watching his team floundering against Preston Rams.

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One day inter-state clubs will wake up to the tricks of the wind at Hindmarsh Stadium.

If it's strong one way in the first half, it dies a death in the second.

Now they know — but which way?

READERS' FORUM

In this spot every week, we shall publish extracts from readers' letters — good or bad! If you want your opinions aired, please keep letters and postcards short and to the point.

Write to The Editor, AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY, 261 Broadway, NSW 2007.

From time to time arguments and debates arise concerning three sporting codes (Football Soccer, Australian Rules and Rugby League) and to which of the three games are likened to be most Australian.

Just as the Aboriginal peoples were the first on this land years before the Europeans, the same can be said of Soccer which was also in this country before either Australian Rules or Rugby League.

While browsing through the Ampol Australian book of records these facts came to light.

The first reported Australian Rules match was in 1858 and was a mixture of Soccer, Rugby Union and Gaelic football played with a Soccer ball. Using this event as a yardstick, Soccer must have been in operation in an unorganised situation many years before Rules originated.

As the history of Soccer in the early part of Australia's history is non-existant, rumour has it that Captain Cook stepped off the Endeavour with a Soccer ball tucked under his arm.

The English game of Rugby League originated in Yorkshire and Lancashire in 1895.

A number of people in NSW and Queensland believe it to be an Australian invention but had to wait until 1907 before the sport got off the ground in this country.

I hope this little bit of Australia's sporting history has helped those confused fans to understand the history of these codes.

Footnote: The home-town Soccer club of Wallsend, of which I am a member, was formed in 1887.

Brian Campbell
Wallsend, NSW

Last Sunday we saw the introduction of West Adelaide's new strip.

I received the biggest shock of my life, and so did 99.9 per cent of the people in the stand. It is shockingly different, suitable only for clowns in the circus, or alternatively tc be used as pyjamas.

I know we all have preconceptions. I know the clubs approved their strips (before it was manufactured) from a small drawing (which incidentally I have seen), which presented completely different proportions.

Whoever designed the strip should be sent to the circus to design costumes for the clowns, because he has no idea of proportions or good taste.

The only thing I'm afraid of is that since West Adelaide had a great first-up win in their new strip against Marconi, they will regard it as a good omen.

The cnly plus I can give the strip is that it will probably be distinctive on TV.

I always disliked the typical vertical stripe that the club used before, but the new one is pure bad taste.

I would suggest that the strip be re-designed and allow either the blue or the white to dominate by decreasing the width of the vertical white stripes, and eliminate the white stripe at the back of the shorts.

Since the game was televised I would be interested to know what other people think of the strips.

H. Tsakalidis
(past president of West Adelaide)
Adelaide

Although Fiji are not formidable opponents, it was heartening to hear reports from Suva which praised Australia's World Cup effort last Sunday. Wally Hughes, who coached Fiji, said he had never seen an Australian side produce such a dynamic opening half hour in any match.

Hughes is no stranger to the Socceroos. He coached New Zealand in 1977 when Jimmy Shoulder's Australian squad were too good for the Kiwis.

The whole key to this Oceania World Cup Group will be found in Auckland on August 19 when NZ plays Fiji. In the unlikely event of Fiji winning, Australia could then qualify for the final Group by polishing off the rest of the Oceania opposition.

But we have a funny feelingthe Socceroos away match against Indonesia will be the toughest of all hurdles.

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SOCCER – THE TOP SPORT

Soccer is twice as popular with British kids as any other sport.

That was proved when the Central Council of Physical Recreation conducted a poll.

Of 2,000 youngsters involved, 47 per cent voted for Soccer, with 23.5 for cricket and 16.5 for Athletics.

It's surprising to see Athletics so popular but this is no doubt due to the achievements of two men, Sebastian Coe and Steve Ovett.

Other sports which polled quite well (in order) were tennis, swimming, rugby union, Badminton, table tennis and squash. There was no mention of rugby league among the top 20.

ARSENAL JUMP IN FOR HODDLE

Glen Hoddle to switch from Spurs to Arsenal . . . that's the latest headline transfer story from England.

Hoddle is one of the very few genuine stars left in England Soccer and, as such, he is a prime target for all clubs.

He has been offered a new contract by Tottenham but is delaying putting pen to paper.

At least six English clubs plus several from Italy and Spain would like to sign Hoddle — and they claim they have the cash.

Nobody wants Hoddle more than Arsenal boss Terry Neill. He has a special affection for the boy, having first signed him for Tottenham when the player was 17. That was five years ago.

Spurs supporters will be livid if Hoddle does join Arsenal. They are still angry about the deal which took Irish international goalkeeper Pat Jennings "down the road" to join their north London rivals.

Arsenal chairman Denis Hill-Wood is not jumping for joy at the prospect of paying huge money for the Tottenham player. Mr Hill-wood warned Terry Neill: "You'll have to be very convincing to get a million pounds out of me. I've always been against transfers of that size. I would rather spend money on keeping our own stars like David O'Leary and Frank Stapleton instead of paying ridiculous cash to other clubs for their men."

The Arsenal chairman is still critical of the transfer of Clive Allen from QPR to Arsenal for $2,000,000 a year ago. "It was not my idea of good business," he said, adding, "we were very lucky to get out of it by swopping him for Ken Sansom."

Glenn Hoddle

SHOPPING LIST FOR UNITED

The loss of Joe Jordan caused Manchester United boss Ron Atkinson to make a shopping list of strikers as Jordan's replacement.

That list includes Frank Stapleton (Arsenal), Trevor Francis (Forest), Tony Woodcock (Cologne), Andy Gray (Wolves) and David Hodgson (Middlesbrough).

Top of the list is Irishman Stapleton but his demands would be enormous. Even Liverpool cannot afford Stapleton.

David Hodgson is an attractive proposition. The Middlesbrough boy has played for England Under 21's and he has been rated "England's best teenage striker."

If he's that good, maybe Hodgson will be in Australia for this year's World Youth Championships.

FRANK STAPLETON

EVERTON EYES ON CASE

Liverpool's midfielder Jimmy Case will probably get the transfer he wants — but to which club?

Brighton are very keen and so are Swansea City. But don't be surprised if a rare deal between the Merseyside giants takes Case from Liverpool to Everton.

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Number one target for new Charlton Athletic boss Alan Mullery is Swansea City's Welsh international centre-half Leighton Phillips. At $50,000, Philips is at a giveaway price.

AS YOUNG AS YOU FEEL

When you're 38 and a club like Millwall gives you a free transfer, any footballer would think he's nearing the end of the road.

But if that thought was on goalkeeper John Jackson's mind, he was handed a pleasant surprise.

Jackson had a phone call from Bobby Robson asking if he'd like to sign for UEFA champions Ipswich Town.

Robson wants temporary cover for his reserve goalkeeper Laurie Sivel who is injured.

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Five clubs have made offers to Spurs full-back Don McAllister — the latest being Wolverhampton Wanderers.

LAMPARD WANTS TO STAY

Frank Lampard (31) is having talks with West Ham United about his future.

Lampard, who was in Sydney with England for the Centenary International, is West Ham's longest-serving player, having joined the club in 1964 as an apprentice. He has been offered a one-year contract but wants something longer.

He said: "I want to finish my career at West Ham. I know nothing about a story that Norwich City want to buy me."

SAD TIMES FOR CLUB

One of the great clubs of England's old-time amateur days faces closure.

Corinthian-Casuals, who play in the Isthmian League, have no ground of their own for next season. Spokesman Alan Jenkins said: "We have no ground and the only way a club can survive these days is to have its own ground."

The club was looking forward to celebrating its Centenary in 1983.

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Norwich City manager Ken Brown denied a story that Justin Fashanu — now in Australia — is going to Manchester United.

Brown said: "If United contact me we'll take it from there but as far as I'm concerned, Justin stays at Norwich till 1983."

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Sam Bartram (67), who was one of England's outstanding goalkeepers, died in London last week.

Bartram, who played more than 800 first team games for his only club, Charlton Athletic, was the greatest uncapped goalkeeper in England.

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Paul Price, Luton Town defender, will move to Tottenham for the new season.

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Doncaster Rovers won promotion to the third division last season — but they had to pay for the privilege. Their balance sheet showed a loss of $170,000.

Imagine the losses of the unsuccessful teams!

"FLOG THESE HOOLIGANS!"

Bert Millichap, the new chairman of the English F.A., is determined to get things done — no matter what the cost.

He startled a few people recently when he said he wanted Soccer hooligans to be birched!

"Yes, I am in favour of corporal punishment," he said. "It would be a great deterrent. Hooliganism can no longer be swept under the carpet.

"Those who oppose birching may not have experienced the unpleasant feeling of feeling ashamed to be British — as we did in Basle this summer and in Turin the previous years.

"I shall seek urgent talks with the Minister of Sport about Soccer hooliganism."

Mr Millichap is a great fighter. He joined the Army as a private in the war and was demobbed as a major. He entered the legal profession as a magistrate's clerk and now has a flourishing law practice.

As a teenager, Bert Millichap survived a 60 mph head-on collision with a steam roller. After his tangled body was pulled out of the wreckage, he battled for two years to recover . . . and succeeded.

He now faces more head-on collisions with football folk and is convinced he'll come out on top.